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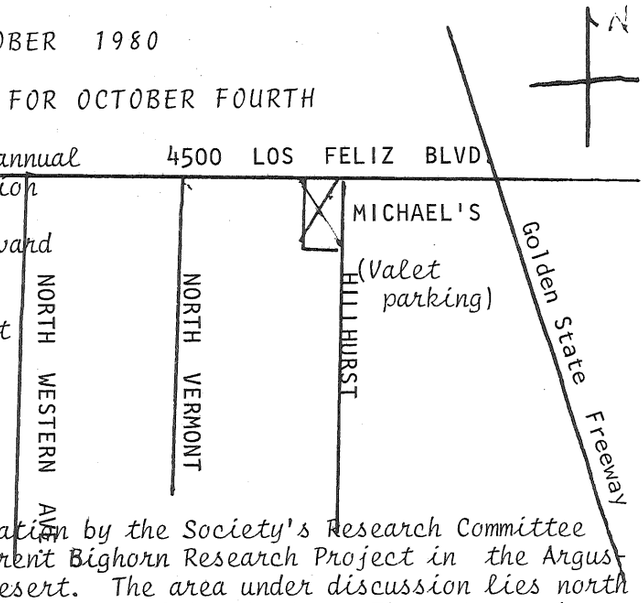
ANNUAL DINNER SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER FOURTH



Dr. Charles Jenner has announced that the annual dinner meeting of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep will be held again this year at Michael's Resturaunt at 4500 Los Feliz Boulevard in Los Angles Saturday evening October Fourth.

The NO-HOST 'waterhole count' or adjustment hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Michael's famous Filet dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m. Dinner prices have risen this year to $12.50. (But what else is there that hasn't had a sharp increase in costs this year.

The after-dinner program will be a presentation by the Society's Research Committee and will relate primarily to the Society's current Bighorn Research Project in the Argus-Slate and Eagle Crags Mountains of the Mojave Desert. The area under discussion lies north of Trona and easterly of the China Lake Naval Weapons Training Center. The main speaker will be James DeForge the Society's Biologist. Jim will have a slide presentation depicting the bighorn's problems in remote areas of the California Desert, including the history, topography and management problems-----including the problem of feral burros of these above study areas.

The Research Committee will also have a report dealing with bighorn problems elsewhere in the state of California.

A raffle will be held during the evening. Charlie is suggesting that perhaps some of you may have some article(s) that may serve to stimulate this fund raising project

Bonnar Blong, a Wildlife Biologist for the Department of Fish and Game in Southern California will be giving a report on status of bighorns in his area

"Uncle" Bud Wiedeman also sent a note telling us that the dinner will again be an 11- oz. Filet Mignon, baked potato, salad, vegetable, Chocalate parfait with tea or coffee. Price includingtaxes and gratuities.

Most of the receivers of T.S. will also find a Postal Card enclosed. Fill it out and return it right away. The Society must pay for all dinners ordered whether used or not. So a close count is needed.

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BILL DESIGNED TO HELP THE SHEEP IS KILLED

The California Assembly Committee on Ways and Means has killed the Senate Bill 834 that was introduced in 1979 by Honorable H.L. "Bill" Richardson of Arcadia, at the specific request of Dr. Lutz, President of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep. The loss of this bill can, at least in part, be attributed to the enactment of Proposition 13 by the voters a couple of years ago. State Funds have been increasingly hard to come by. The Legislature keeps looking for sources of funds to meet their budgets. Various funds are being "Milked" for other purposes than that which it was originally intended that they be used for. This is of course all done legally. SB - 834 had been relegated to the Suspense File--a way of defeating a measure without everhaving to cast a vote on the measure.

IN THE MEANTIME:

DISASTER STRIKES BIGHORN AT THE LAVA BEDS

Notices did appear in the Press. Therefore, the Editor wrote to Lava Beds for specific information. A reply has been received from Craig Olson, Resource Management Assistant.

This letter states: ".....I regret to inform you that there are no bighorns left in Lava Beds National Monument enclosure. On August 21st seventeen people from the Forest Service, California Fish and Game, Park Service, and U.S.Fish and Wildlife spread out and walked through the (1100 acre) enclosure. They found no sheep. Following the walk-through, representatives from the California Fish and Game, the Forest Service, and the National Park Service flew over the enclosure in a helicopter and still found no sheep.

A total of 21 carcasses were found in the enclosure during the last month. All presumably died of bacterial pneumonia (*Pasturella mulfocida and Cornybacterium pyogenes*). This leaves between 10 and 12 animals unaccounted for, including two lambs. This many animals would be difficult to miss by the amount of people who swept the enclosure."

"On September 5 we will have another meeting of the agencies involved in the reintroduction. Hopefully the autopsy tissue samples of the fresh bighorn and two deer will reveal the cause(s) of pneumonia...." end quote.

A number of the dead sheep carcasses were necropsied. Some were sent immediately after finding to the DFG's Pathological Laboratory in Sacramento for study in an effort to determine the cause(s) of the mortallities. Dr. David Jessup, D.V.M. in reporting his findings makes the comment: "This is the fifth animal to die in two weeks, all rams. The last three were necropsied and all had bacterial respiratory diseasess, probably different expressions of the same disease process. This last animal, the freshest, may yield adequate bacterial cultures. The last two animals were in excellent physical condition. The disease in the last two animals appears to be more severe and rapid."

During the search for surviving sheep a one year old ewe was observed with "Purulent material draining from both nostrils." While she was under observation, she suddenly just keeled over and died. Dr. Jessup was present and did a necropsy right away. His comments state: "This is the only really fresh necropsy to date. This animal and all others in the pen were reluctant to move. If the other animals have the degree of respiratory involvement that this one does, antibiotics in the water will probably be ineffective." This comment being dated July 17, 1980.

The DFG is making a study of the mule deer in the area in an effort to determine, if possible, whether there may be any connection between the deer and loss of bighorns. Deer can enter and leave the enclosure almost at will----even though the fence of woven wire is eight feet high. Actually, according to a photo shown in the Summer 1980 issue of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep of a mature ram clearing an eight foot enclosure fence at Enterprise, Oregon.

THE SHEEPHERDER will attempt to keep current on progress made during study of the problem at Lava Beds National Monument.

FNAWS FIGHTS MINING ROAD

The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep has joined in the fight to block the building of the roadway up Cattle Canyon to serve the Curtis Tungsten Mine. It has filed a strong protest with Forest Supervisor Willeam Dresser. The FNAWS states: "Because the assessment does not fully disclose the proposed action, it does not comply with the National Enviornmental Policy Act. Although the mining company agreed to postpone the road two weeks to allow the Foundation time to make an appeal, the Forest Service has indicated they will not oppose the road. Therefore the Foundation has retained the services of a California attorney to file suit and attempt to obtain an injunction against "A Special Use Permit Application for Former Road 2N06 by Curtis Tungsten, Upland, California. "It is the Foundation's intention to make the Forest Service do a NEPA study by going to court which hopefully would halt opening the road(another road is already open and in use) so that hopefully none of this fine sheep range would be destroyed."

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION ALSO JOINS THE FIGHT

A letter dated August 2, 1980 from Mr. Michael E. Berger of the Resource Defense Division of the NWF. The NWF supports the contentions of the Society and the certain adverse effects that this road will have on the San Gabriel sheep herd.

Mr. Berger states in his letter: "Although we remain uncertain of the necessity for the reconstruction of two roads to service the mine site, we are convinced that, unless strictly controlled, the reconstruction and use of the upper road (2N06) will be detrumental to the local bighorn population. Based upon our investigation and discussion, two major concerns have been identified. First, it is imperative that no traffic of any sort be allowed to use the upper road during the lambing period (approximately April 1 through July 1). Second, the salt lick which occurs immediately adjacent to the upper road must not be disturbed during either reconstruction or use of the road."

Mr. Berger also enclosed a copy of a letter that he had addressed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washinton, D.C. to the Deputy Assistant SECretary Dr. Ned D. Bayley; to Zane G. Smith Jr., Regional Forester, in Sanf Francisco and to Forest Supervisor William T. Dresser, in Pasadena.

In order to implement the non-used of the upper road (2N06) the NWF recommended that;
1. That heavy duty gates be installed on 2N06 at the Forest Boundaries
2. That the gates be securely locked when the mine is not in operation. Morover, during mining operations, the gates should be continuously monitored by the permittee to prevent public access or kept locked except for mining traffic;
3. That heavy duty fencing of sufficient length be installed on each side of these gates to prevent bypassing the gates; and
4. That any public use of road 2N06, including access to private land, be prohibited throughout the year as long as the bighorn sheep population remains in the area.

Aside from the access restrictions, NWF beleives that the Forest Service should closely monitor the reconstruction of 2N06 to insure that construction activities and subsequent slumpage of the road will not harm the mineral licks in the area. These licks are a critical bighorn sheep resource." end quote.

The California Natural Resources Federation is also planning to lodge a protest against the permit by the Forest Service to grant the right of way to the Curtis Tungsten Mine operators.

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In a letter to Mr. Thomas G. Tomasello, Counsel for the National Wildlife Federation Zane Smith, Regional Forester says that the F.S. does indicate that he will accede the above conditions asdemanded by the N.W.F. Tomasello has sent me, the Editor a copy of that letter.

In his letter to me Tomasello says in closing that: "We stand ready to assist you in this matter should the Forest Service fall short of their responsibiiities."

The position taken by the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep and by the Sportsmen's Council of Central California is that even this does not protect the bighorns of the area. There being no valid reason why any road has to be opened to usage through the primary lambing area of this herd of bighorns.

On September 3rd. Dr. Loren Lutz, President of the Society reports that the Society goes to Court at 2:00 p.m. on September 8th seeking an injunction against the U.S. Forest Service's determination to open the road 2N06 irregardless of its ultimate results.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BIGHORN RESEARCH PROJECT

The Society's Research Project in the Argus, Slate and Eagle Crag Mountains, headed by Jim DeForge, is now underway. The research team members have been spending several days per week since the first of July in the China Lake Naval Weapons Center and Mohave B Range looking for bighorn sheep. This is the first phase of a state-wide study of reasons for bighorns declines in these ranges.

So far, the team has done extensive hiking through the Argus and Eagle Crags. To date no sightings have been made of bighorn, but the team still has hopes of finding sheep. It is a very big area and will take more time before we know for sure if bighorn still inhabit these ranges. Sheep have been sighted here as recently as 8-9 years ago.

The team is working with Tilly Barling, Head of Natural Resources Management for the Naval Center. Tilly has aided the Society in getting permission to do this study in the Weapons Center and also handles the weekly paperwork for entrance. We certainly appreciate Tilly's support in this effort.

The research is beginning with funds received from a grant from the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and from monies earned at the Society's joint meeting with the California Wildlife Federation in Fresno. We are actively seeking additional funds as it is hoped that the Society will be engaged in bighorn research for years to come.

Coleman Company has contribute field equipment to the project. This includes two ice chests, two beverage coolers, one stove, one inflate-all air compressor. Additional contributions have come from Himalayan Pack Company.

If you as a Society member work for, or have connections with, compaies that could make contributions to this project, the Society needs your help. The Society is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. If you wish to make a contribution, contact Reserch Committee Chairman Charles Jenner, D.V.M., whose address is: 11381 Loch Lomond, Los Alamitos, California 90720, phone: (213) 431 - 7531 or Research Biologist Jim DeForge, 218 East "J" St., Ontario, Calif. 91764 Ph. (714) 983 - 3272.

NOTE: One contribution has already been received to the above grants: Mr. Willim Sinclair, President of the Sacramento Safari Club has already sent in that organizations donation of $1,000.00

AGAIN----IT IS THE ORGANIZATION OF HUNTERS WHO LEAD THE WAY IN PROJECT WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE BENEFITS TO WILDLIFE---- WHETHER IT IS A HUNTABLE SPECIE OR NOT.

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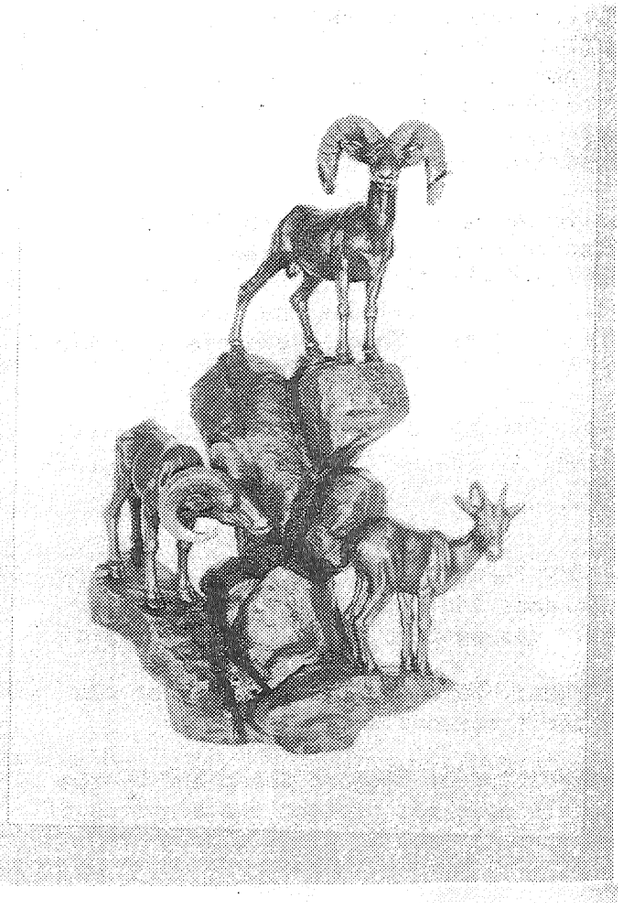
DESERT SHEEP SCULPTURE INTRODUCED



Professional Artist/Designer, Max Greiner, Jr., of Texas recently introduced his 1980 wildlife bronze sculpture. (see T.S. July-August 1980) This year's piece is called "Desert Bighorns" and features three Nelson desert bighorns during the excitement of the rut. Greiner chose the desert bighorn because of its lean muscalture, massive horn structure and dynamic habitat. The sculpture composition is especially unique since one of the rams is portrayed in the pre-mating ritual of lip curling while its head is twisted in a low stretch. Greiner spent two years in the research stage of the creation process. This includedexpeditions into the mountains and deserts of southern California, to photograph and study the wild sheep in their natural habitat. Three months were spent actually carving the original wax sculpture and the foundry spent three months casting each piece into bronze.

The bronze sculpture is large (22" x 16" x11") and weighs 40 pounds. It is cast in a signed and numbered edition of only 24 castings; over half of which were sold two months before the first piece was cast. Currently only six castings are left. The next five will sell for $4,000.00 each and the last casting will sell for $4,500.00. Greiner's address is: P.O. Box 279, Woodville, Texas 75979. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.

Concerning the Tule Elk bronze at the left: Greiner's letter to Dr. Lutz says, in part: You may be interested to know that one of my collectors in Dallas just had this "California Tule" elk bronze appraised at $4,500.00. That was nice to know. I have sent Mr. Harold Edgar (CWF) and Mr. Lewis CarpenterB&W photographs of this bronze so you can try to sell the two castings which I donated to your worthwhile conservation causes. With proper promotion through your publications, I think you should easily sellthe pieces.... The special limited edition of 30 castings is almost sold out since only eight remain. I am currently selling the sculpture at $1,800.00 and will sell the last for more. My only requests regarding you selling the bronzes are that I receive the name and address of the purchasers, that the sales price is not less than $1,500.00 and that I receive credit for making the donation and my address is printed for those interestedin my art...."

Those of you interested in the purchase of either of the elk bronzes contact Dr. Lutz.

MOST CERTAINLY THE SOCIETY IS INDEBTED TO MR. MAX GREINER, JR., for his assistance in the Society's efforts to promote the welfare of California's bighorn sheep.----lew

BURRO FILM--SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER

A report received from Bill Neill of the SC's SCRSS Desert Committee says that the burro film interviews were completed on a 12 day tour in June from Grand Canyon to Death Valley. Reports on the quality of the developed film and soundtrack look very good at this time. It is expected that they will have an edited workprint and soundtrack by the end of August, for viewing by theSierra Club Desert Committee and Board of Directors and the major financial contributors.

Financial committments still total about $13,600, of which $7.400 has been received and another $2,000 is inthe mail, leaving $4,200 outstanding. Expenses to date total about $12,200. Final cost should not exceed $20,000.

The backers of this worthwhile project in an effort to do something to help alleviate some of the destruction of desert waters and vegetative resources will appreciate any financial assistance that may be given to them. Any contributions may be sent to Bill Neill, 2410 West Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90057

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OR TO HIM AT:
Room 800, Texaco Inc., 3350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angles Calif. 90010

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WATERHOLE REPORTS

ROCKLIN WOOLEY, a Society Director from San Jose has taken the Last Chance Range under 'his wing'. He and his wife had gone into that area during the middle of July for their 'count', arriving just in time to encounter a heavy thunderstorm and a lot of rain. This had, of course, dispersed the sheep in that range of mountains. As a result they did put in some time doing some other exploration of their area. Rocklin reports the finding of a previously not recorded water source that did show extensive bighorn usage. Hehopes at another time to conduct a census at this new location.

Rock also reports that the Bureau of Land Management has been conducting an extensive trapping of feral burros in the Last Chance Range, having captured 108 burros from the area. This has reduced the herd, Rocklin beleives, to so small a number that it will take several years for the burro herd to again be a severe range problem.

Concerning the proposed Mojave Desert National Park proposal----Rocklin is of the beleif that the very severe overgrazing of that entire area by livestock grazing permitees together with the feral burro problem has been such a shock to some of the environmental groups together with the seemingly unconcern by BLM District Managers as to the vegetative destruction by these overgrazing permitees has been the thing that has triggered the Park proposals. He plans to attempt getting the Board of Directors of the Society to adopt a resolution in opposition to the formation of such a park.

Rocklin had attended a public meeting sponsored by BLM concerning THE DESERT PLAN. Two factions are each advocating management that are poles apart----from complete protection by wilderness formations together with non-use by motororized equipment to that of complete usage of all areas by anyone for any purpose. And, as Rock says: " And in the middle of it, are people like us who love wild animals, and the places where they live."

Wooley and Glen Sudmeier have also been into the Sheep Hole Mountains, south of Amboy, and into the Bullion Mountains. There seems to be only one unreliable water source in the latter range.

Thge water storage facility in the Clark Mts. has still had no water stored in it. It may be advisable to find a different and hopefully better place for a project.

Red Rock Caves-----Lew and Marguerite Carpenter made a wildlfie census in that area during the last week of July. Their count showed not less than 237 Gambel Quail come into water during the morning hours one day. They observed only one sheep during the three days, a very sleek and apparantly very healthy 6 to 7 year old ram. Many doves are also using this facility. Temperature was hot---105 degrees in the observation cave. A severe thunderstorm drove all around the area. there was no rain within the surrounding nearby areas.

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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MOVES TO AMEND CODE

During the Commission meeting of June 27, 1980 Commissioner Raymond F. Dasman made a motion seconded by Commissioner Norman B. Livermore, Jr., to amend Sections 2050 - 2055 of the Fish and Game Code and Section 670.5, title 14, California Administrative Code, regarding modification of the list of rare and endangered species. The Commission without dissent determined that the California Bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis californiana*) and the Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis cremnobates*) to be listed as rare mammals.

EDITORIAL NOTE: To this editor, it does seem unfortunate that the California Assembly

Committee on Ways and Means has 'sat' on the Senate Bill 834 that was introduced by Senator H.L. "Bill" Richardson of Arcadia at the express request of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep. This bill would if passed by the Assembly require the California Fish and Game Department to conduct an indepth study of the bighorn sheep of California in an effort to determine the cause(s) of the loss of members of these herds of bighorns. The bill would also provide $307,000 to cover the expenses of the DFG in making this study. In these columes of THE SHEEPHERDER we have advocated that this be done the past three years. The California State Senate passed the bill S. B. 834 last December and sent it to the Assembly in early December 1979

SHEEP HABITAT SAVED FROM FIRE

Fires started by lightning strikes July 30 threatened some prime bighorn sheep habitat in the Mohave Mountains, but thanks to successful efforts by fire fighters the prime parts of the bighorn range were saved.

The strikes hit Crossman Peak northeast of Lake Havasu City. Prime bighron habitat is on top of the mountain. Fires occurred on both the east and west sides. The one on the west did very little damage, but the other burned over 13,000 acres before it was controlled by slurry bombers and 250 fire fighters. Most of the lambing range and the prime mountain-top sheep habitat was saved bytheir efforts.

August 22, 1980 ---- WILDLIFE NEWSLETTER--Arizona Department Game and Fish

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No word has been received by the editor concerning the fires that swept the San Jacinto Mts. and some part of the Anza Borrego State Park during July and August 1980.

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SOME BURROS REMOVED FROM GRAND CANYON

A report received from Richard W. Marks, Superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park (July 30, 1980 informs us that a beginning has been made by the Fund for Animals in their avowed program to remove all of the feral burros from thatcanyon. Marks states: "The removal of as few as twenty feral burros fy the Fund for Animals before August 18 will be considered as significant progress and will justify the continuation of their efforts until such time as all burros are removed from the park. If they are successful in their work their operations will be allowed to continue until the program no longer proves effective. This will be true concerning all live removal efforts."
THE FRESNO BEE issue July 30, 1980 reports that Cleveland Amory, President of the Fund for Animals stated that 24 burros were ready to be helicopter transferred out of the canyon. This is undoubtedly true. Those burros captured at that time were tame, having been hand fed by the hordes of backpackers who go into the canyon every year. The BEE says: "The burros which appeared to be familiar with the roundup routine will be flown out of the canyon today in the second Grand Canyon airlift."

Amory flew the newspaper and electronic media representatives to the sight in the canyon where the burros were being held. Amory has received a great deal of television exposure as a result. His pleas for additional funds have according to rumor netted many thousands of dollars more than the Fund has committeed to the project.

It will be at least untilNovember 12th before the U.S.District Court Judge William Coppie will hear a challenge to the shooting removal policy by 'humane ' groups in Phoenix.

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IDENTIFICATION OF LEGALLY TAKEN BIGHORNS GAINS WIDE SUPPORT

A few years ago the Desert Bighorn Council recognized the fact that there are a few people who so desire to display a trophy bighorn ram that they would go to extremes to gain possesion of such a trophy. The DBC beleived that if the legally taken ram had its horns marked permanently by the Departments of Fish and Game that such a method of identification would lessen the amount of poaching. Consequently a resolution was adopted that did request all States and Provinces with bighorn populations to in some manner permanently identify all legally taken horns.

There are, of course, some individuals who do not believe this to be a necessary or a desireable procedure. However, it is gratifying to learn from the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep that it supports this identification and has found that the following states do now have this requirement. These are: Idaho, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, North Dakota and Oregon.

During his survey to determine where this requirement might be in effect Lanny O. Wilson a former Secretary-Treasurer of the DBC found also that the following Provinces and states do not have this requirement. These are Alaska, Colorado, Texas, South Dakota, California, Washington, Mexico, Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territory.

FNAWS is now advocating that a tagging program should be adopted by all of the above states and provinces and countries to deter poaching sheep and to stop the illegal traffic in sheep. All sheep should be so identified regardless whether or not the hunting of sheep is legal or not in that state, province or country. Certainly an united effort is needed to assure that such a program becomes universally adopted.

DESERT BIGHORNS ENDANGERED

Non captive desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico have been added to the state's endangered species list by the State Game Commission. Walt Snyder, Game Management Division chief for the Department of Game and Fish, said there are fewer than 50 wild, free ranging desert bighorns in the Big Hatchet and San Andres Mountains. Desertbighorns in New Mexico recently numbered in excess of 200.

Listing the desert sheep as endangered in the state will allow the department to engage in more intensive management of the species and allow federal land management agencies to

give closer scrutiny to activities having an adverse impact on desert bighorn habitat in New Mexico, Snyder said.

New Mexico WILDLIFE --- September-October 1980

The San Andres Mountains were the scene of the outbreak of scabies mite infestation that had decimated the herd. Emergency measures had led to the capture of 34 sheep. Seven had been transferred to the New Mexico State University's quarantine facility and the other 27 had been installed at the Red Rock Experimental station.

A news report from Santa Fe this summer reported that "Blood tests show that viral bluetongue disease may have been responsible for the deaths of 12 bighorn sheep at a wildlife station.
The sheep, five lambs and seven adults, died within a recent three-week period at the state's Red Rock Experimental Wildlife Station."

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We do make every effort to keep mailing lists up-to-date.

We need your help. Please send your changes of address to the Editor as soon as you know it.

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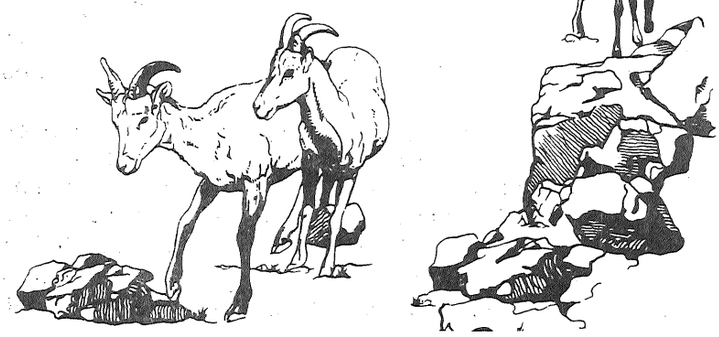
Migrating?



SOCIETY MEMBER WINS WEATHERBY AWARD

The 1979 Weatherby Big Game Award was presented to Dr. Robert Speigle at the annual banquet in Pasadena, Cal. Left to right: Roy Weatherby; Dr. Speigle; the famous cowboy movie star Gene Autry, who presented the award and Ken Niles, master of ceremony.

Doctor Robert Speegle of Garland, Texas received the prestigious Weatherby Award at a ceremony this past November held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Pasadena, California.
Dr. Speegle has hunted sheep all over the world and has taken one of each of the wild species on every continent. Doc Speegle, like so many other sheep hunters is an ardant conservationist and a supporter of projects that are related to the well being and enhancement of wildlife species. He is an active member of many conservation organizations. These include: International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, Warren Page Conservation and Education Foundation; American Museum of Natural History, Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, People to People Sports Committee, Shikar Safari Club, Sportsmen's Alliance, Game Coin, Exotic Wildlife Association, Council of Concerned Sportsmen andthe Explorers Club.
Speegle also has his own museum in his home town of Garland, Texas.

Roy Weatherby has staged 23 of these award giving ceremonies, beginning in 1956. The late Roy Klien being the first recipient.

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ONE REPORT OF HOPE

Dr. Loren Lutz, Society President has reported to the Editor that during the last week of August the California DFG did make a two-day search by use of a helicopter of the San Jacinto Mountains. Observations did accout for 29 sheep during one day of flight and 42 sheep' were seen the second day. Therefore if this range of mountains is down to not less tha 42 sheep there still remains a strong hope for the future.

EDITORIAL OPINION

To the editor it is difficult to rationalize why the Legislature cannot find $307,000 for a study to preserve an endangered specie of wildlife while at the same time it

can find a sum of $10 million for 1981 and another $18 million during the fiscal 1981-82 to 'bail-out' the Horse Racing Industry. In my humble opinion if an industry that contributes nothing to the welfare of man cannot make 'the grade' on its own power, then it should be allowed to cease to exist. The measure AB - 3383 (Frank Vicencia (D) Bellflower) was in the Conference Committee August 20 as a result of Senate passage vote of 27 to 3. Whether or not Governor Brown will sign the measure has not been learned.

Source of info. McClatchy News Service, Aug. 20, 1980

Aldo Leopold writing in *Sand County Almanac* Stated: " Conservation is getting nowhere because it is incompatible with our Abrahamic concept of land. We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man, nor for us to reap from it the esthetic harvest it is capable under science of contributing to culture."

Leopold speaking of endangered species wrote: " When the last corner lot is covered with tenements we can still make a playground by tearing them down, but when the last antelope goes by the board, not all the playground associations in Christendom can do aught to replace the loss."

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OCTOBER 4th---ANNUAL DINNER of the Society for the Southern California area. Please: Fill out the postage paid card and mail it back to Dr. Charlie Jenner. Do plan to attend this meeting.

NOVEMBER---DECEMBER January do the maintenance work that may be needed to and around the many water storage areas.

FEBRUARY 1981---Precise date not set. We will furnish the manpower to build the long awaited Smith Spring Storage facility in the Sacramento Mountains southwest of Needles.

Concerning the Smith Spring water storage project. As team Captain for this area I have been trying to get this project underway for the last eight years. Under date of July 25th in a copy of a letter directed to Dr. Lutz, Mr. Gerald E. Hillier, Riverside District Manager for Bureau of Land Management says: "We recently received a letter dated June 9, 1980 from Mr. Lewis Carpenter who is editor of your news bulletin, The Sheepherder. He reiterated his, and the Society's concern about the development of Smith Spring in the Sacramento Mountains. The letter contained a cost estimate of $5,200.00 obtained from Mr. Fred Worthley of the California Department of Fish and Game.

We had planned to install a new big game guzzler in the Kingston Mountains and had budgeted %5,000.00 to that project. However, due to the commitment of personnel to other tasks, the Kingston Mountain project appeared to be in jeopardy this year.

Therefore, we have entered into a cooperative agreement with CDFG whereby we furnish $5,000. 00 for the development of Smith Spring. These funds are to be spent on the purchase of materials (storage tanks, $2,400.00; pipe - $500. miscellaneous materials - $300.00 and helicopter time ($1,800.00) The CDFG will furnish the required labor.

We commend the Society and Mr. Carpenter for your interest and persistence. We hope that you will continue to work so diligently for the preservation of bighorn sheep. Please continue to inform us of your assessment of the needs of bighorn sheep.

Signed, Gerald E. Hillier, District Mgr.

From Vernon Bleich---for the CDFG region 5 Informs the editor that project time will be late January 1981 or in February. Much needs to be done. Helicopter service time must be contracted for; the supplier of tanks must be notified of an order for the tanks.

From Regional Manager Fred Worthley, Cal. DFG informs the editor that the materials are being ordered.

Glenn Sudmeier, Society's Project Chairman will be making an announcement of the finalized date-----probably in the next issue of THE SHEEPHERDER.

Vern Bleich also reported that Les Coombs observed a ewe at the drinker of the Piute Big Game Guzzler in mid-August. This is the first record we have of use of that device. Thirty sheep were seen near the Old Dad Big Game Guzzler, eleven of them at the drinker. Time-lapse cameras yielded no use at Sheep Camp or Old Woman Statue, but water is plentiful. Vern had seen a class I ram at the Sheep Camp Guzzler in late July.

A CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASE OF BOOK

The soon to be released and long awaited book sponsored by the Desert Bighorn Council and edited by Gale Monson and Lowell Sumner titled THE DESERT BIGHORN, Its Life History Ecology and Management, is to be purchased through the University of Arizona Press, according to a recent letter from Monson. Also the University of Arizona Press has made an agreement with the Society for the Conservation for Bighorn Sheep for the Society to mail brochures prepared by the University and order forms to each of the people who are now on the mailing list of the Society. This mailing will be sent out by the Editor of THE SHEEPHERDER. The Society is giving the University of Arizona Press the Society's mailing list. This mailing will be done as soon after receiving this material as is possible for him to do. Actual publication date is October 10, 1980.

Costs for this book are to be $14.95 if paperbound and $27.50 if clothbound. In addition there is to be a charge for postage. This will be $1.00 for a single copy and 75¢ for each additional book ordered. This will make the totals $15.95 and $28.50 respectively.