

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: bighorns

-----Original Message-----

From: G&K Tillett [<mailto:gktilt@rap.midco.net>]

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 11:33 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorns

Please support action providing means to support the presence and welfare of bighorns in the Black Hills! Guy Tillett, Rapid City SD

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Subject: FW: Big Horn Sheep

-----Original Message-----

From: Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studio [<mailto:prairiemountain@goldenwest.net>]

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 9:01 AM

To: beatis@aol.com; barryj@gwtc.net; JLCOOP11@aol.com; Knippling, Susie (GFP); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Spies, Jim; GFP Wild Info

Subject: Big Horn Sheep

Commissioners,

Thank you for all your time and effort serving the wildlife of South Dakota, I am writing today to support the auction tag for big horn sheep, I would like to support you finalizing the tag, I would like to stress the importance of having the Pennington county and Custer county both on the tag so the person that buys the tag can hunt both units, if the tag is limited to just one county it would directly affect the value of the tag. Thank you for your time and thanks for helping the Bighorn Sheep of South Dakota.

Thanks, and Happy Hunting,

Chris Cammack (Union Center, SD)

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Subject: FW: Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike McKnight [<mailto:msmcknight2912@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 9:13 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

On behalf of the SD Bowhunters Inc we would ask for support for the bighorn sheep auction tag. Thanks.

Mike McKnight
President SDBI
2912 S. Duchess Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: FW: SD Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

-----Original Message-----

From: Dana Rogers [<mailto:dahusker@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 9:19 PM

To: beatis@aol.com; barryj@gwtc.net; JLCOOP11@aol.com; Knippling, Susie (GFP); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Spies, Jim; GFP Wild Info

Subject: SD Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

Commissioners,

I would like to voice my support of the auction of one SD Bighorn Sheep license annually. As long as the funds go straight to Bighorn Sheep research and trap and transfer efforts to help increase the species long term. I see it as the best way to make money for the effort and further conservation and expanded hunting opportunities for the future. Now, please get another increase in Mt. Lion harvest every year and they might have a chance to grow in population.

Thanks!

Dana R. Rogers

327 Freude Ln.

Box Elder, SD 57719

(605) 415-8443 C

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Subject: FW: Big horn auction tag

-----Original Message-----

From: Dekok [<mailto:krdekok@santel.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 9:26 PM

To: beatis@aol.com; barryj@gwtc.net; JLCOOP11@aol.com; Knipling, Susie (GFP); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Spies, Jim; GFP Wild Info

Subject: Big horn auction tag

Hi

As a prior license holder, I would like to express my support for this important project of selling auction tags. Big Horn sheep need committed funding and support in order to not only grow the herd but grow tag opportunities. The sale of auction tags give us that funding to get started. The results of the current mountain lion season also show promise the state is turning the corner to protect the herd and grow it naturally. I know I've had comments and concerns of this new program but most aren't looking at the big picture. I know I was extremely fortunate to receive this hunting opportunity and want other to see increased chances to draw by offering more tags down the road.

Thank you for supporting

Roger DeKok
705 North Tibbetts St.
Mount Vernon, SD 57363
605-236-5440

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Subject: Comment - Big Horn Sheep - Darrel Jones

-----Original Message-----

From: Jones, Darrel R

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 4:18 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Big Horn Sheep auction tag

I think it's a great idea that will generate much needed money to help the sheep herd in the Black Hills. With our governor cutting money all across the board, this is a way to guarantee money to improve habitat and to bring in sheep from other states.

Darrel Jones
Dell Rapids, SD

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Subject: Comment - Bighorn Sheep - David Bechard

-----Original Message-----

From: David Bechard [mailto:david_bechard2000@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 5:35 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Big Horn Sheep

David Bechard
1608 Hilltop Dr.
Pierre, SD 57501
605-224-8169

Auctioning off a big horn sheep license. Isn't that selling and bartering of game animals?

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Rick Olson

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick Olson [<mailto:rickolson4@abe.midco.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 12:10 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

With only three tags available in South Dakota I don't believe it should come down to **(who has the most money gets a tag)**

This is the hunt of a lifetime for any resident of our state as well as a dream come true for the fortunate hunters.

When you auction off this hunt you will eliminate the majority of hunters in our state and end their chance of ever getting this tag!!

Rick Olson, Mina SD

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Robert Farland

-----Original Message-----

From: Farland, Robert J [<mailto:Robert.Farland@va.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 9:28 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Bighorn Auction

This proposal is an insult to resident hunters who've been funding our game management forever. To give a tag to nonresidents is wrong, no matter the price. I'll apply probably for the remainder of my life and not get a tag, but some rich hunting show host can come in and buy a tag.....a slap in the face. Shame on you and the rich hunting lobby for supporting this.

[Robert Farland/Hill City/SD](#)

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Scott Brown

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott [<mailto:collisionpros@rushmore.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:18 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

In the 1980's the auction for the big horn license was changed to the \$5 lottery license. This was a great thing. By auctioning of one of two tags you are letting someone with a lot of money cut in line. You've made it twice as hard for people like me to draw a tag and very simple for the wealthy to "cut in line" . I would've gladly paid more for the lottery chance but it seems that wasn't even a thought.

Sincerely, Scott Brown
Rapid City SD

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Alan Lien

-----Original Message-----

From: Lien [<mailto:4walleye@midstatesd.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 5:56 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

It looks like South Dakota has now tread upon the slippery slope of the Fee- Market model to raise money under the guise of conservation. I have attached an article from the New York Times regarding this issue where is has become common practice in other western states and the impact on the average hunter trying to draw one those coveted game tags!

Alan Lien
Chamberlain, SD 57325

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Byron Pudwill

-----Original Message-----

From: Pudwill, Byron

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 6:31 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

Hello,

I hope the auction proposal is well thought out. Do the rich-hunters need 33% of the tags? What message does this send to the common-man that lives here in our great state. How about a raffle that everybody could afford, and not an auction. I think we all have a pretty good idea what happened to the elk in CSP, and the Mountain Goats. We don't need an expensive study for that. I don't think we need it for Bighorns either.

Think raffle!! Everybody can swing 25 - 50 bucks for a raffle, maybe you could generate the same amount of money for the Bighorn study?

Byron Pudwill

PO Box 218

Springfield, SD 57062

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Subject: Comment- bighorn sheep - George Bogenschutz

-----Original Message-----

From: George Bogenschutz [<mailto:mtnmach@itctel.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 7:14 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

I think this would be a reasonable harvest and that the proceeds from the auctioned license could really be beneficial to herd recruitment in the long run.

George Bogenschutz
46135 222nd Sr
Nunda, SD 57050

P.S. How about cutting back a little on landowner preferences for Elk – I'm 67 and at the current rate I'll NEVER draw a tag as long as landowners enjoy the bulk of the tags!!

Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Ross Swedeen

-----Original Message-----

From: Ross Swedeen [<mailto:reswedeen@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 9:57 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

SD GFP,

We should not give one of OUR sheep tags up for a auction tag. There are other ways to raise the money needed for sheep research. Increase the price for a preference point Every year, hunting is becoming more and more a rich mans sport. Putting a sheep tag up for auction further promotes that the rich get the opportunities! That is not right! I could put in for the tag for thirty years and never get the tag, but someone with money can buy it the first year! You guys are being greedy. I understand the dire straights our sheep herd is in. That is a result of your poor management practices. You guys are being reactive instead of proactive.

Respectfully,
Ross Swedeen - Rapid City, SD

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Steven Schelske

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Schelske [<mailto:stevedschelske@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 7:33 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

I oppose the auction of the rare opportunity for the less than extremely wealthy to get a big horn sheep tag in South Dakota.

Steven Schelske
120 W Elizabeth St
Pierre, SD 575018

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Subject: Comment - bighorn sheep - Grant Jones

From: GJ [<mailto:gmtjones@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 10:24 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: bighorn sheep comment

Grant Jones
11838 Hardscrabble Pl
Deadwood, SD 57732

Re Big Horn Sheep Auction

I believe that to have an auction for any license is wrong.

It flies in the face of the everyday, hardworking, people of South Dakota.

It allows the elite, the very wealthy, to purchase a license, while the core of the South Dakota hunters are hard working, wage earners, who have no chance to afford to "Buy" the a license in such a fashion.

More appropriate would be a raffle, where the super rich and the wage earner all have an equal chance to win a license regardless of preference points.