

# Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag Funding Fact Sheet

**Revenues:** Almost \$800,000 have been generated since 2013 and are primarily from the sale of one auction license to hunt bighorn sheep in South Dakota. Smaller amounts have also been generated through the sale of bighorn sheep skulls and conservation donations. A list of annual revenues is provided below.

2013 Revenue	\$101,000.00
2014 Revenue	\$80,000.00
2015 Revenue	\$61,600.00
2016 Revenue	\$109,750.00
2017 Revenue	\$104,600.00
2018 Revenue	\$98,200.00
2019 Revenue	\$98,298.00
2020 Revenue	\$85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$738,448.00</b>

**Expenditures:** Bighorn sheep projects funded through this program are various. A list of annual expenditures and description of projects are provided below.

2014	SDSU disease research <sup>a</sup> ; Hell Canyon helicopter capture and transplant project. <sup>b</sup>	\$25,130.99
2015	Deadwood South Dakota bighorn sheep reintroduction project includes travel, disease testing, radiocollars, and supplies.	\$124,859.10
2016	Radiocollars for Custer State Park and Rapid City herds disease research study. <sup>c</sup> Elk Mountain water development project.	\$47,631.50
2017	Disease testing lab fees. Elk Mountain water development project.	\$44,510.67
2018	Capture of bighorns with Badlands National Park for Custer State Park transplant to supplement herd.	\$6,110.00
2019	Oglala Sioux First Nation bighorn sheep management and research. Monies used to capture, radiomark, and survey bighorns.	\$41,734.60
2020	Capture of bighorns for Rapid City herd disease research project. Also, paid for nutritional condition training with California researcher.	\$5,806.36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$295,783.22</b>

<sup>a</sup>Funding was used to study *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* disease research at South Dakota State University.

<sup>b</sup>Funding was used to helicopter capture bighorns in northeastern Montana and then radiocollar and transplant into Hell Canyon, Black Hills, South Dakota.

<sup>c</sup>Funding was used to radiomark adult and lamb bighorns in Custer State Park and Rapid City to evaluate test-and-remove success for eliminating *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* in wild herds.



