CHAPTER 9

BIGHORN SHEEP AND MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-302, § 23-1-703, § 23-2-104 and § 23-3-117.

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in Title 23 of the Wyoming Statutes and Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation, the Commission also adopts the following definitions for the purpose of this chapter;

(a) "Bighorn sheep horns" mean the hollow horn sheaths of bighorn sheep, either attached to the skull or separated.

(b) "Plugging" means placement of a permanent metal plug provided and attached by the Department.

Section 3. Bighorn Sheep Hunting Seasons.

Hunt areas, season dates and limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Special Archery Dates Opens	Special Archery Dates Closes	Regular Season Dates Opens	Regular Season Dates Closes	Quota	Limitations
1	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~12~~ 15	Any ram (14 residents, 1 nonresident)
2	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~20~~ 25	Any ram (22 residents, 3 nonresident)
3	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~28~~ 25	Any ram (23 residents, 2 nonresident)
4	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~24~~ 25	Any ram (23 residents, 2 nonresidents)
5	1			Aug. 1	Aug. 31	~~32~~ 31	Any sheep valid within the Owl Creek drainage (27 residents, 4 nonresidents)
5	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31		Any ram valid in the entire area
6	1	~~Aug. 1~~	~~Aug. 14~~	~~Aug. 15~~ Aug. 1	~~Oct. 31~~ Aug. 31	~~1~~ 2	~~Any ram (1 resident)~~ Any ram valid north of South Badger Creek (1 resident, 1 nonresident)
6	1			Sep. 1	Oct. 31		Any ram valid in the entire area

Hunt Area	Type	Special Archery Dates Opens	Special Archery Dates Closes	Regular Season Dates Opens	Regular Season Dates Closes	Quota	Limitations
7	1	~~Aug. 15~~ Aug. 1	~~Aug. 31~~ Aug. 14	~~Sep. 1~~ Aug. 15	Oct. 31	~~16~~ 12	Any bighorn sheep (11 residents, 1 nonresident)
7	6	~~Aug. 15~~ Aug. 1	Aug. 31	~~Sep. 15~~ Sep. 10	~~Oct. 16~~ Oct. 15	~~16~~ 30	Ewe or lamb valid within the Gros Ventre River ~~d~~Drainage (27 residents, 3 nonresidents)
8	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	4	Any ram ~~(3 residents, 1 nonresident)~~ (4 residents)
9	1	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	~~4~~ 5	Any ram (4 residents, 1 nonresident)
10	1	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	~~4~~ 5	Any ram (5 residents)
12	1	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Oct. 15	~~8~~ 2	Any ram (2 residents)
~~12~~	~~6~~			~~Oct. 1~~	~~Oct. 15~~	~~4~~	~~Ewe or Lamb~~
17	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~8~~ 10	Any ram (9 residents, 1 nonresident)
17	6	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 15	Oct. 31	12	Ewe or lamb (11 residents, 1 nonresident)
17	7	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 15	Oct. 31	5	Ewe or lamb valid within the Sand Creek Drainage (4 residents, 1 nonresident)
~~18, 21~~ 18	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	~~Oct. 31~~ Nov. 30	~~2~~ 3	Any ram ~~(1 resident, 1 nonresident)~~ (3 residents)
~~18, 21~~	~~1~~			~~Nov. 1~~	~~Nov. 30~~		~~Any ram, valid only in Hunt Area 18~~
19	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~8~~ 10	Any ram (9 residents, 1 nonresident)
20	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Nov. 30	~~1~~ 2	Any ram ~~(1 resident)~~ (2 residents)
21	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	2	Any ram (1 resident, 1 nonresident)
22	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~4~~ 5	Any ram (5 residents)
22	1			Oct. 1	Oct. 31		Any ram, also valid in Area 5
24	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~2~~ 1	Any ram ~~(1 resident, 1 nonresident)~~ (1 resident)
26	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	2	Any ram (2 residents)

Hunt Area	Type	Special Archery Dates Opens	Special Archery Dates Closes	Regular Season Dates Opens	Regular Season Dates Closes	Quota	Limitations
26	6	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 15	Oct. 31	3	Ewe or lamb (3 residents)

Section 4. Special Archery Seasons.

There shall be special archery bighorn sheep hunting seasons on the dates specified in Section 3. Archers shall possess a limited quota bighorn sheep license in addition to an archery license in order to hunt bighorn sheep during any special archery season. Archers shall only hunt in the hunt area(s) and for the sex of bighorn sheep set forth by the limitations of their license as specified in Section 3 of this Chapter.

Section 5. Registration of Bighorn Sheep. Any person harvesting a bighorn sheep in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the harvest present the horns attached to the skull plate for registration. All harvested bighorn sheep shall be plugged. Any person picking up any bighorn sheep horns in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the pickup of the horns present the horn or horns for registration, plugging and interstate game tagging. Plugging may be omitted if the Department determines that the size or condition of the horn prevents proper plugging. Any person taking bighorn sheep horns shall present them in person at one of the following Department offices, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bighorn sheep horns not originating in Wyoming shall not be plugged.

Game and Fish Department:

Headquarters	Cheyenne	1-800-842-1934
Casper Region	Casper	1-800-233-8544
Cody Region	Cody	1-800-654-1178
Green River Region	Green River	1-800-843-8096
Jackson Region	Jackson	1-800-423-4113
Lander Region	Lander	1-800-654-7862
Laramie Region	Laramie	1-800-843-2352
Pinedale Region	Pinedale	1-800-452-9107
Sheridan Region	Sheridan	1-800-331-9834

(a) The Department may require substantive proof from individuals who do not possess a valid bighorn sheep license and take bighorn sheep horns that the horns were legally acquired. Failure to provide such proof may result in seizure of the horns. Before a person's bighorn sheep horns may be plugged, the person may be required to take a Department enforcement officer to the location where the bighorn sheep horns were acquired. Failure to comply with this request shall be a violation of this regulation and the bighorn sheep horns may be seized.

(b) No person shall alter, deface or remove a plug placed in a bighorn sheep horn by the Department.

(c) No person shall possess the horn(s) of a bighorn sheep that bears an altered, defaced or counterfeit Wyoming plug or from which the plug has been removed.

(d) The insertion of a Wyoming plug does not in itself certify that the animal was legally taken or possessed.

(e) Any person who makes a false statement on the bighorn sheep registration form shall be in violation of this regulation.

Section 6. Bighorn Sheep Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and number.

Area 1. Clark's Fork. All of the drainage of the Clark's Fork River north of Sunlight Creek and north of the Clark's Fork River below its confluence with Sunlight Creek; and the drainage of Soda Butte Creek outside of Yellowstone National Park.

Area 2. Trout Peak. All of the north drainage of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 between Pahaska Teepee and the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; all of the south drainage of the Clark's Fork River south and east of Sunlight Creek and west of Wyoming Highway 120; all of the north drainage of the Shoshone River west of Wyoming Highway 120.

Area 3. Wapiti Ridge. Beginning where U.S. Highway 14-16-20 intersects the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly down said highway to the North Fork of the Shoshone River; easterly down said river to ~~the South Fork of~~ the Shoshone River ~~at the Buffalo Bill Reservoir~~; easterly along said river to Wyoming State Highway 120; southeasterly down said highway to U.S. Highway 14A; southerly down said highway to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly down said highway to Wyoming State Highway 291; southwesterly down said highway to Park County Road 6QS; westerly down said road to the South Fork of the Shoshone River; southwesterly up said river to Deer Creek; westerly up said creek to the head of Butte Creek; westerly down said creek to the Thorofare River; westerly down said river to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly then northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

Area 4. Yount's Peak. Beginning where Deer Creek enters the South Fork of the Shoshone River; southerly up said river to Needle Creek; southerly up said creek to the head of Emerald Creek; southerly down said creek to Wiggins Fork Creek; southerly down said creek to the Wiggins Fork Road (Shoshone National Forest Road 285); southerly down said road to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; westerly then southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northwesterly along said highway to the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park; northerly and westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to

the Thorofare River; easterly up said river to Butte Creek; northeasterly up said creek to the head of Deer Creek; easterly down said creek to the South Fork of the Shoshone River.

Area 5. Franc's Peak. Beginning where Needle Creek enters the South Fork of the Shoshone River; northeasterly down said river to Park County Road 6QS; northeasterly down said road to Wyoming State Highway 291; easterly down said highway to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly down said highway to Wyoming State Highway 120 ~~the Shoshone River; easterly down said river to Wyoming Highway 120~~; southeasterly along said highway to the Bighorn River; southerly up said river to the Wind River Reservation boundary; westerly along said boundary to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; northwesterly, southwesterly, then westerly along said boundary to the Wiggins Fork Road (Shoshone National Forest Road 285); northerly along said road to Wiggins Fork Creek; northerly up said creek to Emerald Creek; northerly up said creek to Needle Creek; northerly down said creek to the South Fork of the Shoshone River; in addition, all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

Area 6. Targhee. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest-John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly, easterly and southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest Boundary at Teton Village; southerly along boundary to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 7. Jackson. Beginning at Togwotee Pass on the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly along said road to Wagon Creek; southerly down said creek to the Green River; southerly down said river to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary; westerly along said boundary to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at the Hoback Rim where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Rim; westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to the Dry Wash Draw; westerly down said draw to Bailey Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Snake River; northerly along said river to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; easterly along said highway to the National Elk Refuge boundary at the north end of the town of Jackson; southerly, easterly and northerly along said boundary to the Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; easterly along said highway to Togwotee Pass.

Area 8. Sheep Mountain. Beginning where Pine Creek crosses U.S. Highway 191 in the town of Pinedale; northwesterly along said highway to the Green River at Warren Bridge; northerly, easterly and southerly up said river to Roaring Fork Creek; easterly up said creek to the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to Hay Pass and the head of the North Fork of Boulder Creek; southwesterly down said creek to the Bridger-Teton National Forest

boundary; northwesterly along said boundary to Pine Creek; southerly down said creek to U.S. Highway 191.

Area 9. Dinwoody. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses Torrey Creek; southerly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to the head of Bomber Creek (East Fork of Torrey Creek); northeasterly down said creek to Torrey Creek; northerly down said creek to U.S. Highway 287.

Area 10. Jakey's Fork. Beginning where Torrey Creek crosses U.S. Highway 287; southwesterly up said creek to Bomber Creek (East Fork of Torrey Creek); southwesterly up said creek to the Continental Divide; northerly along said divide to the head of Roaring Fork Creek; southerly down said creek to the Green River; westerly and southerly down said river to Wagon Creek; northwesterly up said creek to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northerly along said road to the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 287; southeasterly along said highway to Torrey Creek.

Area 12. Porcupine. Beginning where U.S. Highway 14A crosses the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to the Wyoming-Montana state line; east along said line to the Sheep Mountain Road (U.S.F.S. Road 11); southerly along said road to the Devils Canyon Road (U.S.F.S. Road 14); southerly along said road to U.S. Highway 14A; westerly along said highway to the Big Horn River.

Area 17. Ferris-Seminoe. Beginning at the city of Rawlins; northerly along U.S. Highway 287 to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to the Kortes Road (Natrona County Road 407); southerly along said road to the North Platte River; southerly up said river to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Rawlins.

Area 18. Douglas Creek. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 287 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 in Carbon County; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 287 in Laramie; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

Area 19. Laramie Peak. Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 25 and Wyoming Highway 211 at the town of Chugwater; southwesterly along Wyoming Highway 211 to the Iron Mountain-Jordan Road (Platte County Road 10-Laramie County Road 106-2), southwesterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southerly along said road to the Fisher Canyon-Rogers Canyon Road (Laramie County Road 228-1 - Albany County Road 17) at Horse Creek Station; southwesterly along said road to U.S. Highway 30 at the town of Laramie; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southeasterly along said interstate to Wyoming Highway 211.

Area 20. Kouba Canyon. Beginning where U.S. Highway 85 crosses the Wyoming – South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to the Dewey Road (Weston County Rd. #2);

northwesterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

Area 21. Encampment River. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 130 crosses the North Platte River in the town of Saratoga; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary near the confluence of Spring Creek and the Little Snake River; westerly and northerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 70; northeasterly along said highway to the Sage Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 801-Carbon County Road 401); northerly along said road to Sage Creek; easterly down said creek to the North Platte River; southerly up said river to Wyoming Highway 130 in the town of Saratoga.

Area 22. Dubois Badlands. Beginning where U.S. Highway 287 crosses the Wind River Reservation boundary; westerly along said highway to the Wiggins Fork Road (Fremont County Road 285); northerly along said road to the Shoshone National Forest boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Wind River Reservation boundary; southerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287. This includes those areas of the Spence-Moriarity Wildlife Habitat Area east of the East Fork of the Wind River.

Area 24. Big Piney. Beginning at a point where the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary crosses LaBarge Creek; westerly up said creek to the head of the Greys River; northerly down said river to Deadman Creek; easterly up said creek to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River, southerly along said divide to the divide between the Hoback River and the Green River; easterly along said divide to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary on Hoback Rim; southerly along said boundary to LaBarge Creek.

Area 26. Bennett Mountain. Beginning where the Medicine Bow River enters the North Platte River; northerly down the North Platte River to Sage Creek; easterly up said creek to the South Fork of Sage Creek; easterly up said fork to the Leo-Shirley Basin Road (Carbon County Road 102); easterly along said road to the Pryor Flat Road (B.L.M. Road 3115); southeasterly along said road to the Troublesome Spring Road; southerly along said road to Troublesome Creek; southerly down said creek to the Hanna-Leo Road (Carbon County Road 291); southerly along said road to the Medicine Bow River; westerly down said river to the North Platte River.

Section 7. Mountain Goat Hunting Seasons.

Hunt areas, season dates and limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Special Archery Dates Opens	Special Archery Dates Closes	Regular Season Dates Opens	Regular Season Dates Closes	Quota	Limitations
1	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~8~~ 10	Any mountain goat (9 residents, 1 nonresident)
2	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~8~~ 5	Any mountain goat (4 residents, 1 nonresident)
3	1	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~28~~ 20	Any mountain goat (18 residents, 2 nonresidents)
3	2	Aug. 15	Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Oct. 31	~~12~~ 10	Any mountain goat valid in the North Fork Shoshone River Drainage (9 residents, 1 nonresident)
4	A	Aug. 1	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Nov. 15	4 5	Any mountain goat; ~~also valid in Area 5~~ (5 residents)
~~5~~	~~A~~	~~Aug. 15~~	~~Aug. 31~~	~~Sep. 1~~	~~Oct. 31~~	4 ~~2~~	~~Any mountain goat; also valid in Area 4 (2 residents)~~

Section 8. Special Archery Seasons. There shall be special archery mountain goat hunting seasons on the dates specified in Section 7. Archers shall possess a limited quota mountain goat license in addition to an archery license in order to hunt mountain goat during any special archery season. Archers shall hunt only in the hunt area(s) and for the type of mountain goat as set forth by the limitations for their license as specified in Section 7 of this Chapter.

Section 9. Registration of Mountain Goats. Any person harvesting a mountain goat in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the harvest present the horns attached to the skull plate for registration. Any person picking up any mountain goat horns in Wyoming shall within fifteen (15) consecutive days following the pickup of the horn(s) present the horn(s) for registration and interstate game tagging. Any person taking mountain goat horns shall present them Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at any Department office listed in Section 5 of this regulation. Any person who makes a false statement on the mountain goat registration from shall be in violation of this regulation.

Section 10. Mountain Goat Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and number.

Area 1. Beartooth. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 120 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 296; northwesterly along said highway to the junction with U.S. Highway 212; northwesterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Wyoming Highway 120.

Area 2. Palisades. Beginning where the Snake River crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River; southerly along said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 3. North Absaroka. Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 and Wyoming Highway 120; westerly along U.S. Highway 14-16-20 to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to U.S. Highway 212; southeasterly along said highway to the junction with Wyoming Highway 296; southeasterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 120; southerly along said highway to the junction of Wyoming Highway 120 and U.S. Highway 14-16-20.

Area 4. Targhee. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest-John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest-Grand Teton National Park boundary; northerly, easterly and southerly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest Boundary at Teton Village; southerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line.

Area 5. South Absaroka. Beginning where U.S. Highway 14-16-20 intersects the east boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly down said highway to Wyoming Highway 120; southeasterly along said highway to the Bighorn River; southerly up said river to the Wind River Reservation boundary; westerly, northwesterly, then southwesterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northwesterly along said highway to the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park; northerly and westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly, then northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; in addition, all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

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