



FISCAL YEAR 2021-22
ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

Our desired future state

To be the best managed, most respected, influential, and relevant conservation organization benefitting wild sheep worldwide.

MISSION

What we do

We enhance wild sheep populations, promote scientific wildlife management, and educate the public and youth on sustainable use and the conservation benefits of hunting while promoting the interests of the hunter.

PURPOSE

Why we exist

To Put and Keep Wild Sheep on the Mountain®

VALUES

The principles that guide us

Honesty

Integrity

Respect for others

Teamwork

Positive Attitude

Respect for wildlife

Hunting Ethics

Accountability

Stewardship

Loyalty



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Fiscal year 2021-2022 was the year we all hoped that life would start to look a lot more like 2019 than 2020. However, we soon realized that SARS CoV-2 wasn't quite done with us. Emerging strains of the virus led to overnight travel bans, backlogs in the fulfillment of goods and services continued, leading to a greater impact on international supply chains and sending global prices for many goods creeping higher. Despite these economic uncertainties Fiscal year 2021-2022 was a year that the Board of Directors and the greater wild sheep community continued right from the start to put mission-based programs at the top of the funding list and this commitment, focus and effort never stopped.

Just one week before the start of the year following an impassioned plea for help from the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, \$30,000 of seed money from WSF was turned into \$177,000 within 24 hours. The generosity of many Chapters and Affiliates as well as individual members insured that water hauling helicopters would keep flying to fill critically low guzzlers for thousands of very thirsty sheep in drought stricken Southern Nevada. Similar efforts were occurring across the Southwest with all state agencies, Chapters and Affiliates and wild sheep enthusiasts working to replenish manmade water sources.

Next the WSF Board voted unanimously on requests for ungulate enhancement projects in British Columbia (BC) and the Yukon with a \$150,000 pledge. This funding will be targeted to areas where habitat management as well a targeted predator control could provide a needed boost to wild sheep herds.

Canada received more good news when WSF and the Mountain Wildlife Conservation Society of BC and the Alberta Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation announced that Canadians could now realize a tax savings for donations made through WSF's giving programs. This new program further incentivizes eligible members to donate to support Canada's wild sheep.

With the lifting of mask mandates across the US and Canada, state and provincial wildlife agencies were able to resume much of their stalled health and management projects. The WSF Conservation staff and Professional Resource Advisory Board, presented and received approval to fund 15 projects, which would put \$449,328 on the ground in support of WSF's conservation goals. The Conservation staff continued to work with granting partners to secure additional funding of more than \$600,000.

Finally, late in the remaining weeks of the year a new conservation funding scheme was taking shape. This program will be rolled out in the next year, so look for exciting changes ahead.

Although not what we all wished for fiscal year 2021-2022 proved yet again that that no matter what the world economy or Mother Nature throws down in our path, the WSF Board, staff, Chapter and Affiliates and members always remain committed to funding wildlife and conservation first and to putting and keeping sheep on the mountain.

Peregrine L. Wolff, DVM
Chair, Board of Directors.

Fellow Members,

The June 30th close of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 comes with relief, a fair amount of "good riddance" but also with renewed hope.

Frankly, the year has been one of the most challenging I have experienced since joining Wild Sheep Foundation as President and CEO May 1, 2008. Yet true to form, the resilience of the organization, staff, leadership, membership, and extended WSF family has carried us through. I am very pleased to report that WSF weathered this difficult year well and we are poised for a record 2022-2023 fiscal year on many key indicators.

A reasonable descriptor of these past twelve months is a "Covid Hangover" with a number of challenges caused not with the pandemic itself which largely past in the fall of 2021, but with the morning after effect of the prior 18-24 months. Lingering uncertainty, staff fatigue, labor, supply chain, and energy shortages, the need for contingency plans, often ridiculous regulations foisted upon the world's populace by our public health and political leaders, and the individual responses and polarization to these ad hoc rules and mandates have been in many ways more challenging than the pandemic itself.

WSF was not immune to this hangover effect. Shortly following the July 1 fiscal year start, we experienced staff turnover in two very key areas - exhibits and membership. Yet, by the fall we had overcome this deficit with the hiring of two talented team members who can better these two critical programs.

Convention planning and execution proved even more challenging with the need to have and financially invest in capacity and programs for a virtual show if our planned in-person event was impossible due to real or imagined health threats. Uncertainty on group assembly limitations, critical vendor labor deficits, last minute exhibitor cancellations, border crossing and travel issues, and mask mandates either supported or ridiculed plagued WSF and our industry partners. Yet, despite these challenges and virtual investments, WSF's 2022 convention net results were 92% of our pre-pandemic 2020 record.

Most important however, and despite the hangover effect, our ability to focus on and fund mission programs benefitting wild sheep continued to excel with a staggering \$6,642,784 directed to wild sheep enhancement, conservation, research, advocacy, and education during the year. This represents our fourth consecutive year of directing more than \$6 Million to the resource. A summary of our funding can be found on pages 3-4 of this annual report.

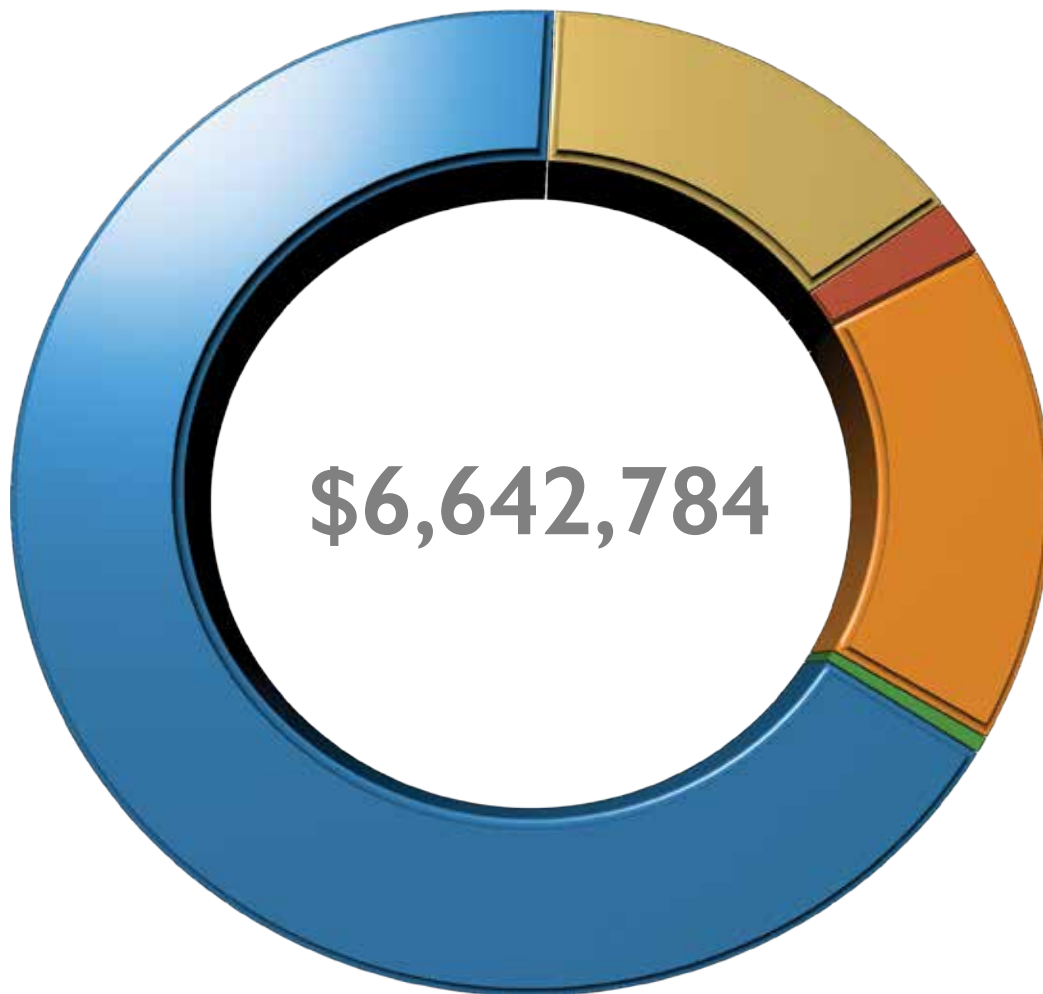
Once again, our foundation has faced challenges, risen to them, and has excelled. With the past behind us, and strong foundations in place, our 2022-23 fiscal year looks exceptional.

To the future,

Gray N. Thornton,
President & CEO

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 MISSION PROGRAM FUNDING

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



State, Provincial & Tribal Agency
Conservation funding - **\$4,444,350**

Education, Advocacy & Other - **\$944,277**

Industry Support - **\$137,011**

Habitat, Restoration, Separation,
Transplants, Management Plans & Research - **\$1,083,784**

International Conservation - **\$33,990**

STATE, PROVINCIAL & TRIBAL AGENCY CONSERVATION FUNDING

Alaska Department of Fish & Game	\$170,000
Alberta Ministry of Environment	\$261,900
Arizona Department of Fish & Game/AZ Antelope Foundation	\$376,000
BC Ministry of Forest, Lands & Natural Resource Operations	\$140,250
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$247,000
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	\$220,750
Idaho Department of Fish & Game	\$156,750
Kluane First Nation	\$207,000
Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks	\$324,000
Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife	\$130,500
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	\$65,450
Nevada Department of Wildlife	\$207,500
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish	\$684,000
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$310,500
Taos Pueblo Game & Fish Department	\$436,500
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$171,000
Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition	\$335,250
TOTAL	\$4,444,350

EDUCATION, ADVOCACY & OTHER

I Campfire Campaign, Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia	\$63,052
Advertising, Sponsorships, & Scholarships	\$70,420
Cody Clay Crushers	\$2,500
Desert Bighorn Council 2021	\$2,000
Educational Films/Videos	\$34,431
Education - Podcasts	\$43,000
Education - Social Media	\$34,328
El Nino Children's Home	\$65,000
Jack Creek Preserve Educational Programs	\$7,500
Life Member Scholarship	\$15,000
Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society	\$250
Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Council '22 Symp., Jackson Hole, WY	\$3,000
Safari Club International Foundation - Beretta Cons. Leadership	\$5,000
The Conklin Foundation	\$79,350
The Wildlife Society	\$1,250
"Who Cares BC" Campaign	\$100,000
Wild Harvest Initiative	\$200,000
Women Hunt	\$53,529
WSF Chapter & Affiliate Summit XIV	\$38,359
YWCE & S.H.E.E.P. Youth Education Programs	\$126,308
TOTAL	\$944,277

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Annual Dues	\$5,612
Central Asia Conservation Initiative	\$28,378
TOTAL	\$33,990

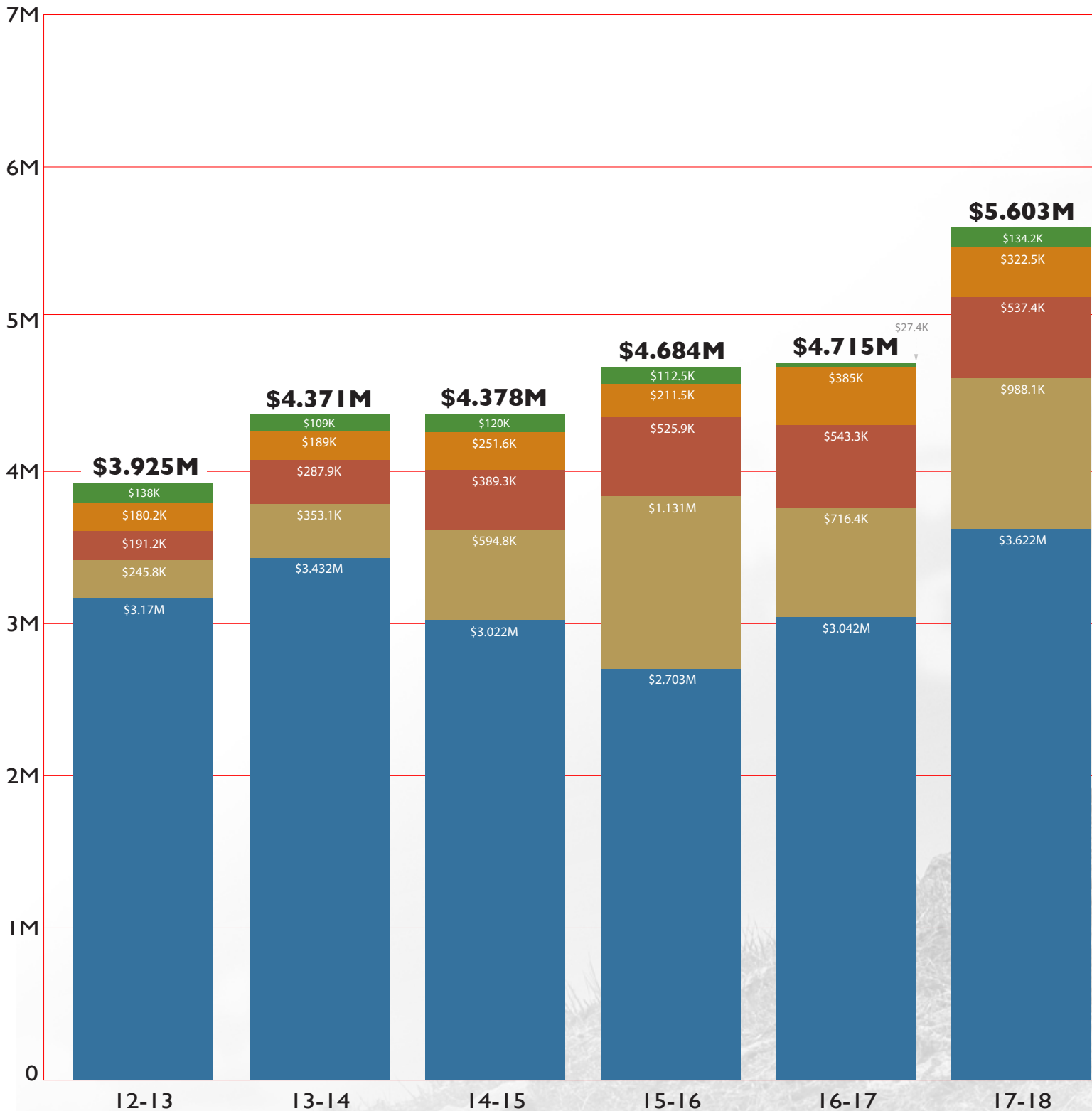
HABITAT, RESTORATION, SEPARATION, TRANSPLANTS, MANAGEMENT PLANS & RESEARCH

Assessing Density-Dependent Competition	
Aoudad/BHS/MD BAM2.0 TX	\$35,000
Aoudad/Desert Bighorn Sheep Symposium, Texas Tech Univ., Lubbock	\$7,500
Arizona Guzzler Project (via WSF Midwest Chapter)	\$2,500
Custer State Park BHS Habitat Enhancement Project, SD	\$2,251
DS/BHS Separation Advocacy Initiative	\$305,605
Emergency Water Haul, Southern NV	\$21,000
FEMECA Mexico Sustainable Use Initiative	\$15,000
Fraser River BHS Disease Assessment & Connectivity, BC (Year 4)	\$30,000
Little Belt Mountains BHS Reintroduction Year 2	\$17,055
Nature Trust of British Columbia Land Acquisitions	\$40,000
Optimizing Movi Test & Remove Mgt to Restore BHS (ID/OR/WA)	\$30,000
Prescribed Burns for Stone's Sheep Habitat Enhancement, NE BC	\$30,000
Remote Sensing for Desert BHS Water Developments, CA Desert	\$4,437
Reproductive Success, Survival, Mortality of Bighorn Sheep, Nebraska	\$9,965
Risk of Contact Model Update + Federal/State Agency Training	\$20,000
State, Tribal, Provincial, Central Asia Agency Horn Plugging Program	\$17,445
Stone's Sheep Seasonal Range & Habitat Use, Northern BC	\$24,000
The Trust for Public Lands - Cross F Ranch Acquisition, AZ	\$30,000
Thinhorn Sheep Summit III	\$25,369
Transitioning Strain Typing on Movito Next Generation Sequencing	\$10,500
Trap, Test, & Transplant Desert BHS to Free-Range Status, Sonora, MX	\$25,000
Travel - Board & Staff (Allocated to Conservation Programs)	\$110,200
Ungulate Enhancement Program - Northern Guides & Outfitters	\$10,000
Ungulate Enhancement Program - Northwest Guides & Outfitters	\$10,000
Water Distribution & Delivery System, Sierra El Alamo, Sonora, MX	\$30,000
Water Well Drilling, San Francisco Mountains, Sonora, MX	\$77,500
Washington State University Rocky Crate Chair III	\$50,000
Working Dogs for Conservation	\$26,868
WSLF Grant	\$51,000
WSF Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB)	\$14,961
TOTAL	\$1,083,156

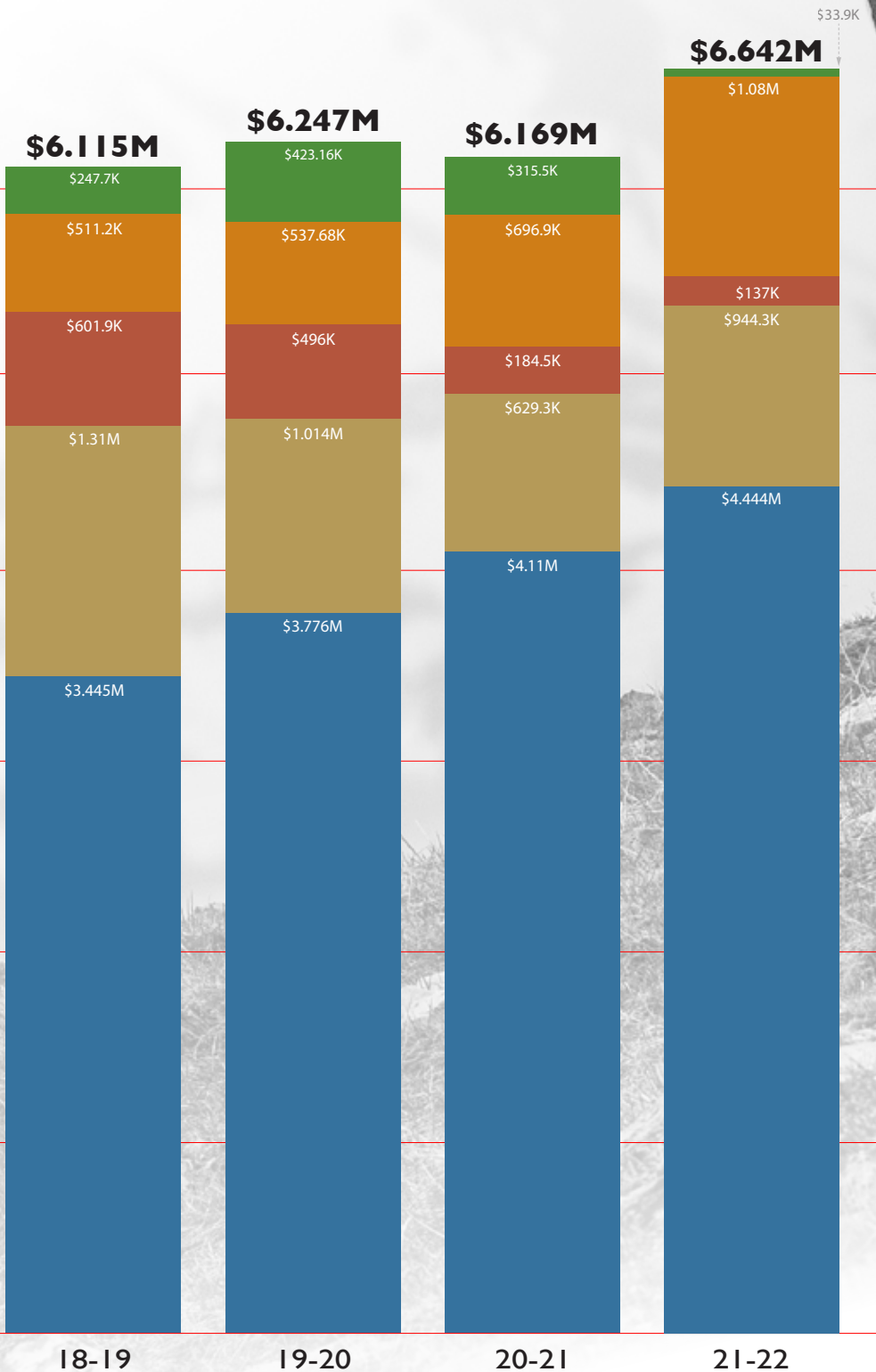
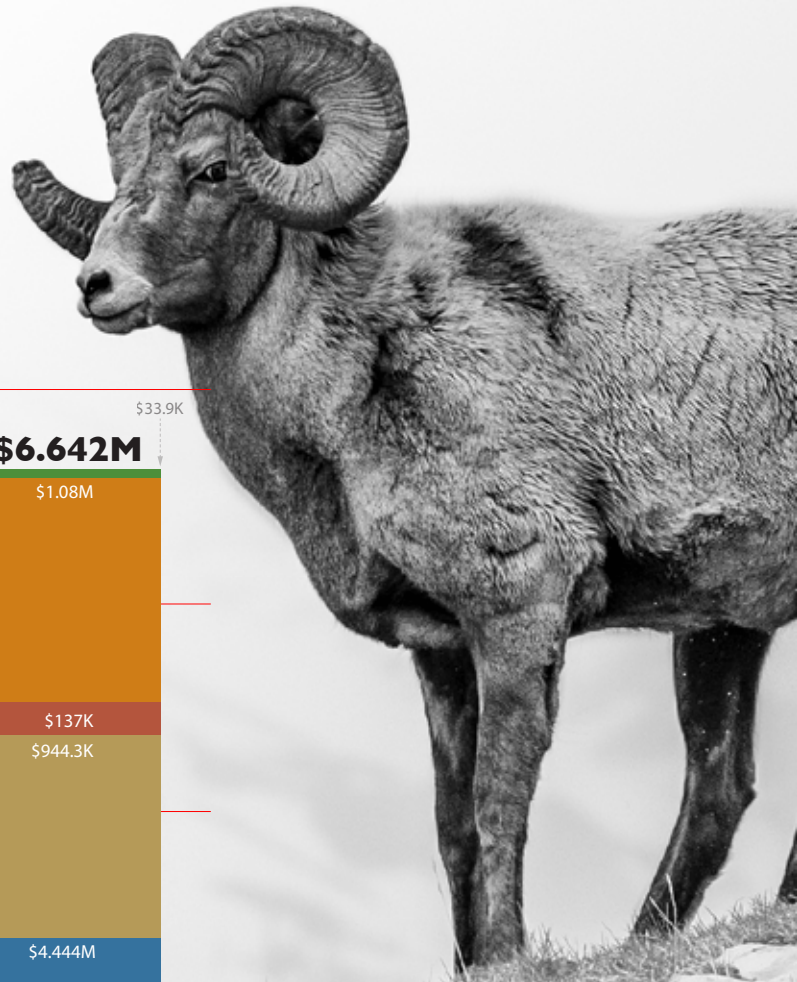
INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA)	\$20,000
Alberta Professional Outfitters Association	\$5,000
Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters	\$10,000
Bear Trust International	\$3,250
Congressional Sportsman's Foundation	\$7,500
Conservation Force	\$20,000
Guide/Outfitter Assoc. of BC - Wildlife Stewardship	\$15,000
Northern Nevada SCI	\$5,000
Promotions - Industry Event Support	\$2,261
State, Provincial, Tribal, G&O, & Industry Booths	\$15,000
WAFWA Summer 2021 Meeting Sponsor	\$1,500
Wounded Warriors Outdoors Program Sponsorship	\$18,500
WSSofBC - Jurassic Classic	\$5,000
Wyoming Outfitter & Guide Association	\$1,500
Yukon Outfitter Association	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$137,011

10 YEAR FUNDING - \$52.



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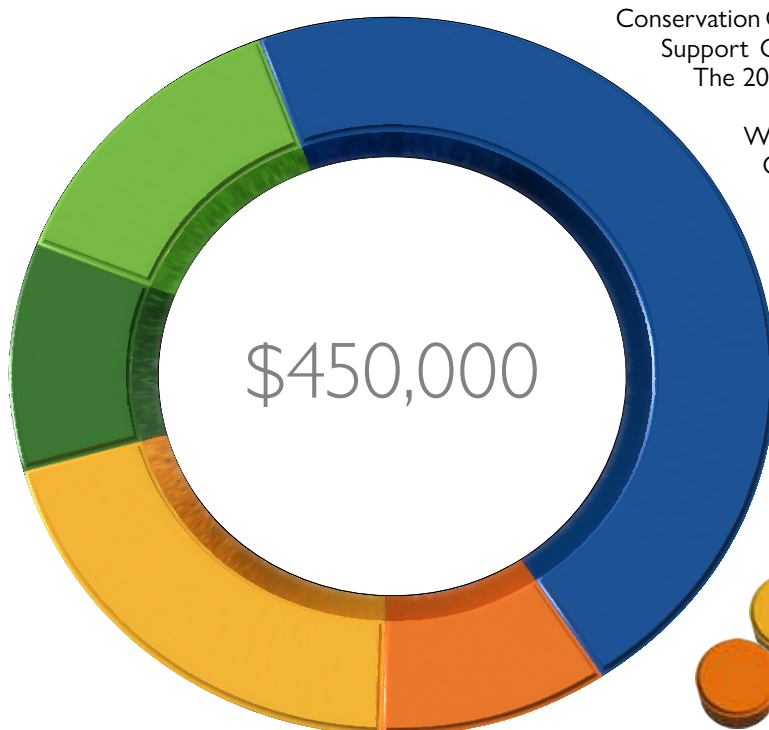


- State, Provincial & Tribal Agency Conservation funding
- Education, Advocacy & Other
- Industry Support
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- International Conservation

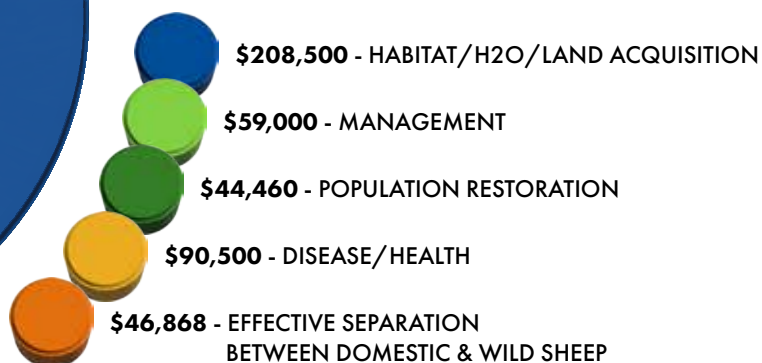


FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT

For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), WSF received 20 Conservation Grant-In-Aid (GIA) funding requests in addition to our Industry Support GIA, multi-year GIA, and Education and Advocacy funding. The 20 requests were broken out into these general categories.



With guidance from WSF's Conservation Strategy 2025, WSF's Conservation Staff and Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB) carefully reviewed each application and advanced these joint Conservation Staff/PRAB funding recommendations to the WSF Board of Directors, for their action. By October 23, 2021, WSF's Board of Directors approved nearly \$450,000 in GIA funding, anticipating additional funding requests to surface during the fiscal year.



FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT



WILD SHEEP CAPTURE/COLLARING/ TRANSPLANTS/RESTORATION

With partner funding from Cabela's Outdoor Fund and the Deupree Family Foundation, and in close collaboration with Montana Wild Sheep Foundation, WSF helped Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks transplant 33 more bighorn sheep to the Little Belt Mountains in north-central Montana. Partnering again with Cabela's Outdoor Fund and WSF Midwest, WSF helped fund helicopter net-gun capture and GPS radio-collaring of 13 Stone's sheep ewes in the Omineca Region 7A of northern British Columbia. WSF again provided funding to release 60 desert bighorn sheep into free-range habitat in the Sierra El Alamo Mountains in northern Sonora, Mexico; the 5-year target of releasing at least 200 desert bighorns at Sierra El Alamo was exceeded by June 2022, with a total of 236 animals released in the past 5 years.

WATER DEVELOPMENT/DELIVERY/ DISTRIBUTION

In the deserts of southern California, WSF again funded advanced technology to assist the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep with their remote monitoring of water levels at existing guzzler projects in the Mohave Desert. WSF funded two water well-drilling/pipeline projects in Sonora, bringing much-needed water to desert bighorn sheep and other desert-dwelling wildlife; the Dallas Safari Club Foundation contributed partner funding for the water development project in the San Francisco Mountains of northern Sonora.



SOUTHERN NEVADA EMERGENCY WATER HAUL

At the June 2021 WSF Chapter & Affiliate Summit XIII in Lewiston, ID, to assist the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn and Nevada Department of Wildlife, more than \$186,000 was collaboratively raised/pledged in less than 10 minutes, to help cover costs of mostly helicopter-supported delivery of water to critically-low guzzler systems in desert bighorn range in southern Nevada. As the driest state in the nation, with no measurable rainfall in nearly 300 days, Nevada lost more than 2,000 desert bighorn sheep during the past two years. This critical funding yet again demonstrated the strength, commitment, and can-do attitude of the WSF "Family", to stand shoulder-to-shoulder for wild sheep conservation.

FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT

AOUDAD/DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP COMPETITION, PATHOGEN TRANSFER, SYMPOSIUM

With partner funding from the Howe Foundation, a SITKA Ecosystem Grant, Clay Brewer's generous donation of his \$10,000 Trailblazer Award from Dallas Safari Club, and the Houston Safari Club Foundation, WSF contributed \$35,000 toward helicopter net-gun capture and GPS radio-collaring of desert bighorn sheep in west Texas, part of a multi-year, multi-partner research project on competitive interactions between desert bighorn, aoudad, and mule deer. Partnering again with SITKA Gear and their Ecosystem Grant program, along with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, WSF helped sponsor a two-day technical symposium at Texas Tech University (TU) in Lubbock, nearly 43 years after the first-ever Aoudad Symposium, held in 1979 at TTU. Recent work centered in Texas has demonstrated that aoudad can transfer respiratory bacteria (e.g., *M. coli*) that adversely impact desert bighorns.



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT/LAND & ACCESS ACQUISITION

Cabela's Outdoor Fund again partnered with WSF to fund required "pre-burn" helicopter survey/ inventory/mapping/reconnaissance in advance of prescribed burns to benefit Stone's sheep habitat in northeastern British Columbia. WSF again contributed timely and much-needed funding to help the Trust for Public Land, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department acquire the Cross F Ranch near Klondyke, opening up more than 40,000 previously-inaccessible acres for permanent public access. WSF, with partner funding from WSF Midwest, contributed \$40,000 toward the Nature Trust of BC's fee-title purchase of two critically-important parcels of bighorn sheep habitat in the Okanagan Valley and near Kamloops Lake, in south-central British Columbia.

LAMB SURVIVAL/RECRUITMENT

WSF continued long-term funding support for Nebraska Game & Parks to continue analyses of reproductive success, lamb recruitment, and cause-specific mortality of lambs; critically-needed collaborative funding was obtained from the Howe Foundation and the Gilchrist Foundation.



FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT



PATHOGEN/DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

In FY2021-2022, with partner funding from the Turner Foundation and the Cross Charitable Foundation, WSF supported innovative efforts to utilize specially-trained dogs to help detect presence of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi) bacteria, in both domestic and wild sheep. Preliminary trials by Working Dogs for Conservation (WD4C) demonstrated high probability of canine-detection regarding presence/absence of Movi bacteria, in both laboratory and field settings. This strategy offers another surveillance “tool” in the toolbox for wild sheep managers, wildlife veterinarians, domestic sheep producers, and other stakeholders to help identify, and manage, potential transfer of deadly respiratory pathogens that often cause pneumonia and subsequent die-offs in affected wild sheep populations.

CENTRAL ASIA CAPRINAE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (CACI)

WSF held a CACI seminar during 2022 Sheep Week®, hosting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and representatives from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Pakistan. WSF met with a Kazakhstan Wildlife Foundation (KWF) biologist and the USFWS to discuss status of ongoing efforts to conserve Argali and support local communities in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan and the KWF are advancing two projects: 1) using hunting to collect two male Argali from the Nuclear Test site and 2) issuance of a limited number of Conservation Permits. WSF supported a 2nd Kazakhstan Argali survey in May/June 2022, led by the KWF, with participation by biologists from Mongolia and Tajikistan.

In March 2022, WSF was informed that the USFWS denied all 2020-21 Argali import permits from Tajikistan. WSF has been concerned that issues with Tajikistan import permits may carry over to other Central Asia countries where Argali are ESA-listed as Threatened. As a result, WSF has been in direct contact with the USFWS, filed a FOIA request to the USFWS, and successfully obtained a copy of their enhancement findings that resulted in import denial; WSF has coordinated with the IUCN Caprinae Specialist Group leadership regarding these issues. WSF sent letters to both Tajikistan and USFWS government officials, co-signed by North America’s international hunting/conservation organizations, pledging our collective collaborative support (including financial), urging both governments to resolve this issue.

WSF’s collaborative CACI initiative is assisting with early development of a Central Asia Wild Sheep and Wild Goat Working Group, with biological representatives from at least 4 Central Asia countries.



FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT

CONSERVATION PARTNERS/ EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

During FY2021-22, WSF was privileged to receive Grant-in-Aid/Project partner funding from many conservation partners. Cabela's Outdoor Fund, the Howe Foundation, a Yukon Territory Community Development Fund Tier II grant, WSF Midwest Chapter, Montana WSF, SITKA Ecosystem Grant, Leupold Optics, Cross Charitable Foundation, A.R. Dubs Foundation, Texas Bighorn Society, Cabela's Boise, ID retail store, Gilchrist Foundation, Dallas Safari Club Foundation, Turner Foundation, New Mexico WSF, Outer Circle Wild Bunch, Deupree Family Foundation, Houston Safari Club Foundation, and many other collaborators partnered with WSF on FY2021-22 wild sheep conservation projects.



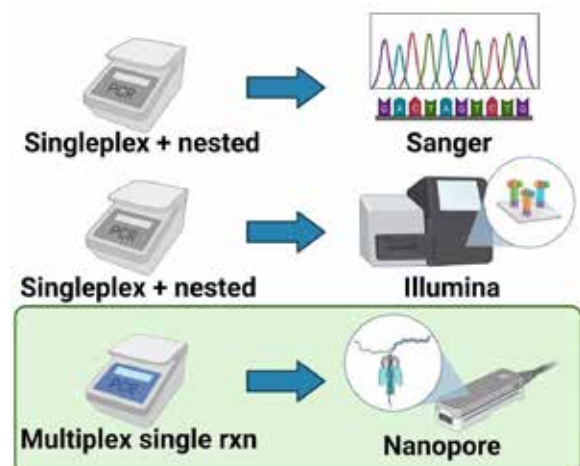
THINHORN SHEEP SUMMIT III, WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORY

Following up on Thinhorn Sheep Summits I (2014, Richmond, BC) and II (2017, Anchorage, AK), WSF successfully gathered 115 attendees (plus another 25 virtual participants) for a 2-day Thinhorn Sheep Summit III in Whitehorse, in early May 2022. Presenters gave more than 3 dozen technical presentations, during 8 diverse sessions, along with multiple inter-active discussion/forums. Click this link for details

<https://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/mission-and-programs/conservation-programs/thinhorn-sheep>. Major funding was awarded from the Yukon Territory's Community Development Fund Tier II Grant Program; significant logistical support was provided by the Yukon Fish & Game Association, the Yukon WSF Chapter, and WSF Staff and Board.

NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING/ GENETIC ANALYSIS FOR MOVI

WSF funded collaborative research to improve state-of-the-art MLST strain-typing of Movi via next-generation sequencing, to improve epidemiologic tracing of this pathogen in bighorn and domestic sheep, and, to improve the predictability and anticipate the severity of pneumonia outbreaks.



FY 2021-22 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT



“TEST & REMOVAL” STRATEGIES, TO MANAGE/REDUCE PNEUMONIA IMPACTS

With collaborative funding from the Howe Foundation, the Cabela's Boise, ID retail store, Leupold Optics, the A.R. Dubs Foundation, and the Outer Circle Wild Bunch, WSF helped fund Year 4 of a “Test-and-Removal” project along the Fraser River, in southern British Columbia, where more than 80 bighorn sheep were captured and sampled. More than 260 bighorn sheep were captured and sampled for respiratory bacteria (e.g., Movi) during winter 2021-2022 in a tri-state (ID/OR/WA) test-and-removal project. Also, with partner funding from Cabela's Outdoor Fund and in close collaboration with Montana Wild Sheep Foundation, WSF helped Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks begin a 4 year “Test-and-Removal” effort to restore the Highlands bighorn sheep herd in SW Montana.

By identifying and removing chronic-carriers of Movi bacteria, preliminary results indicate a substantial improvement in subsequent lamb survival/recruitment. Cross-agency results were, and will be, shared, via virtual and in-person. Unfortunately, respiratory pneumonia remains one of the principal challenges to bighorn sheep restoration, range-wide.

HORN PLUGS FOR HARVESTED RAMS

WSF spent nearly \$17,000 to provide horn plugs for rams harvested in more than a dozen states and provinces, and on tribal lands in the western U.S. and Canada. Proudly, WSF has provided horn plugs, related materials, and beneficial training for state, tribal, provincial, territorial and other jurisdictions, for more than 40 years.

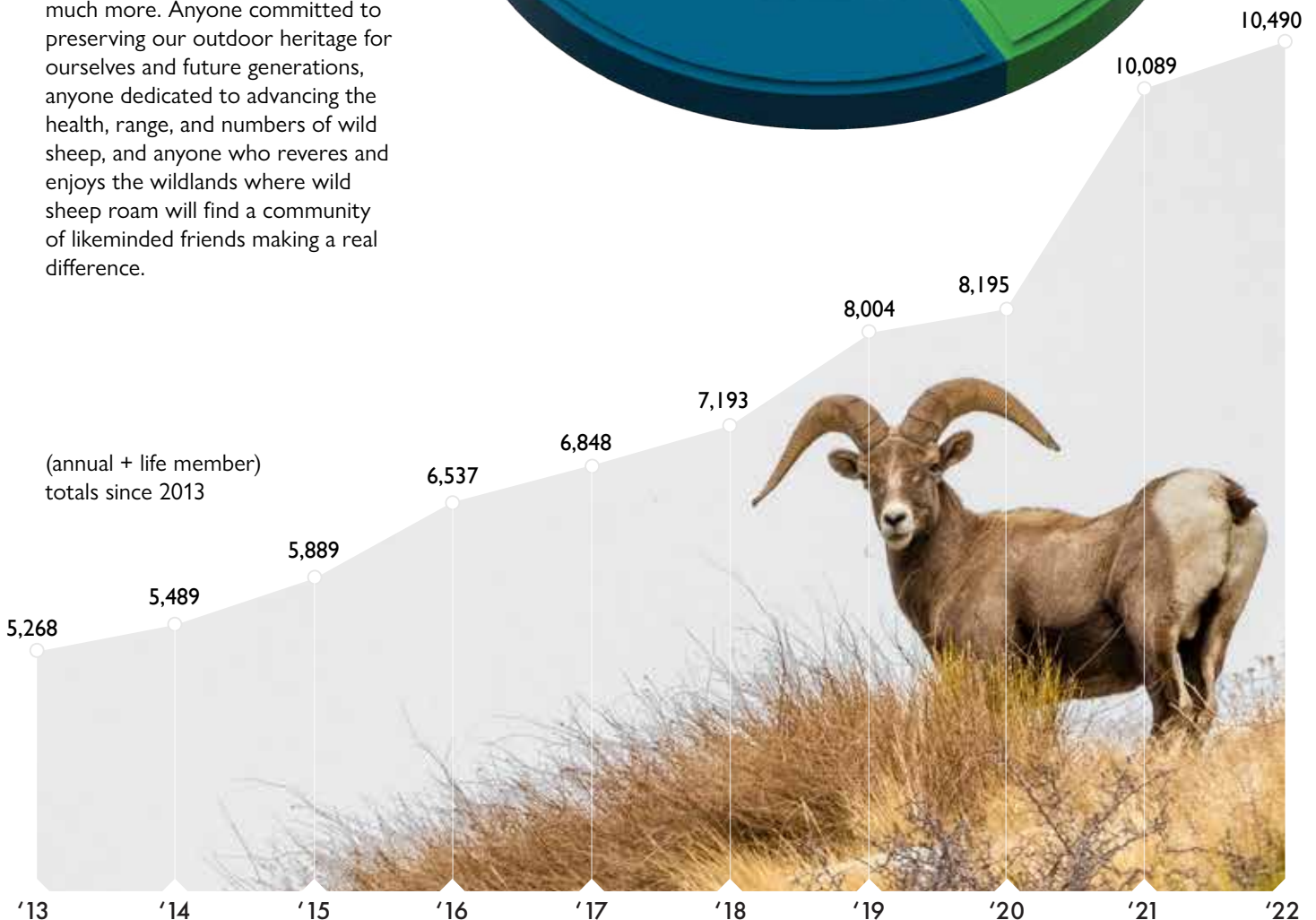
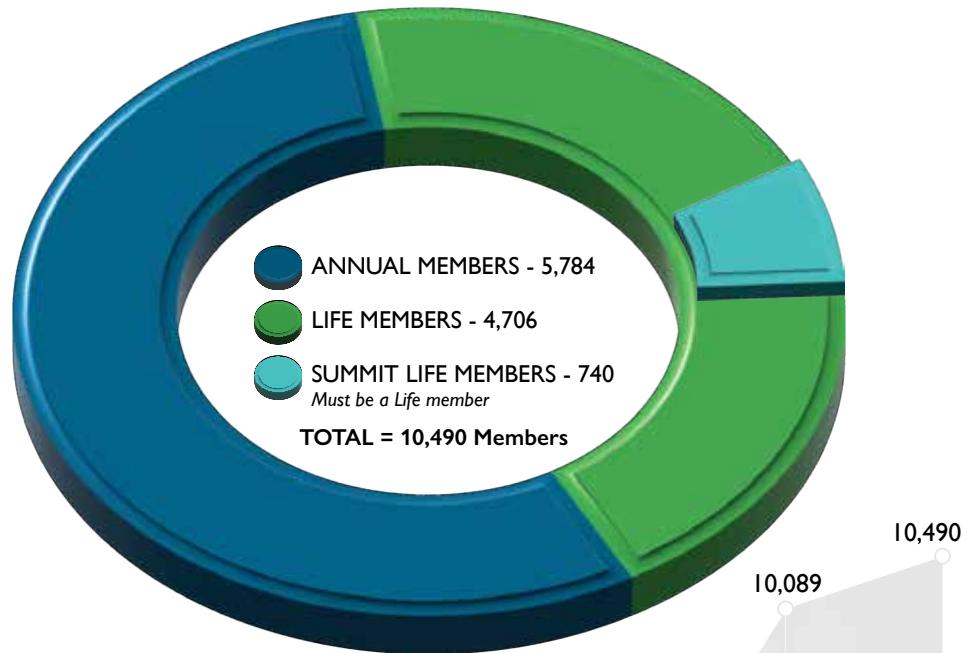


DOMESTIC SHEEP/WILD SHEEP SEPARATION/ADVOCACY

WSF continues to provide funding and serve as a conduit for multiple agencies (e.g., U.S. Forest Service) and other partners to update, improve, and deliver agency for “Risk of Contact” model training for use federal land-management and state/provincial wildlife agencies in the western U.S. and western Canada.

WSF MEMBERSHIP

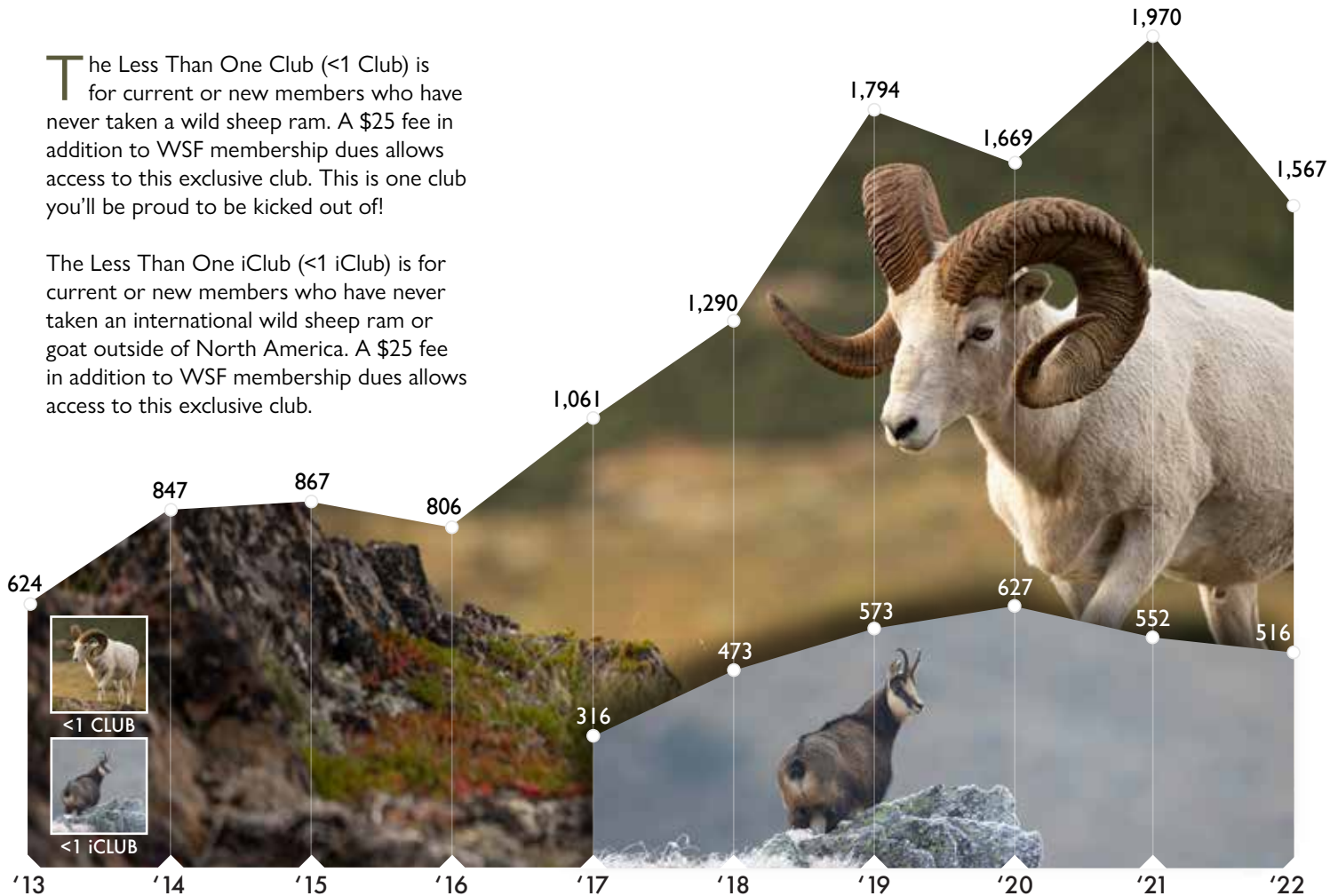
Despite the Covid Worldwide Pandemic, WSF's membership grew at an unprecedented pace surpassing a giant milestone of 10,000 members and reaching the 4,300 mark for Life Members! WSF members are part of a remarkable conservation legacy that brought wild sheep populations back from the brink and ensured these majestic animals' bright future. Our family consists of members of all ages with interests in hunting and outdoor recreation, biology and ecology, water resources and habitat health, public policy and law, and much more. Anyone committed to preserving our outdoor heritage for ourselves and future generations, anyone dedicated to advancing the health, range, and numbers of wild sheep, and anyone who reveres and enjoys the wildlands where wild sheep roam will find a community of likeminded friends making a real difference.



<1[®] CLUB & <1[®] iCLUB

The Less Than One Club (<1 Club) is for current or new members who have never taken a wild sheep ram. A \$25 fee in addition to WSF membership dues allows access to this exclusive club. This is one club you'll be proud to be kicked out of!

The Less Than One iClub (<1 iClub) is for current or new members who have never taken an international wild sheep ram or goat outside of North America. A \$25 fee in addition to WSF membership dues allows access to this exclusive club.

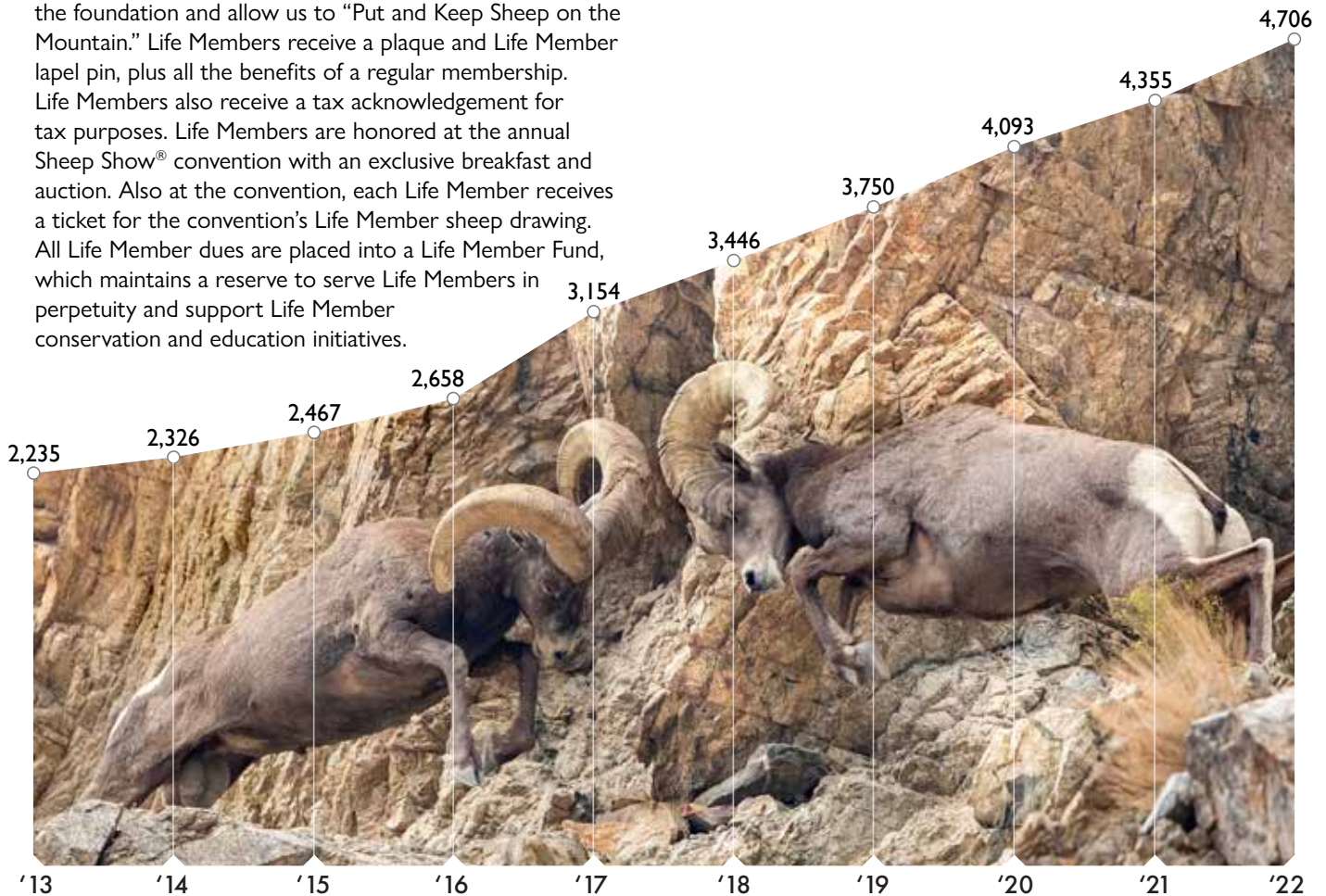


I have been a life member of the Wild Sheep Foundation since 1999 and a Summit Life Member since 2015. I became passionate about North American Wild Sheep after taking a California Bighorn on a self-guided hunt in my home state of Idaho in 1994. I believe that WSF is committed and dedicated to working with state and provincial game departments to increase populations of Wild Sheep. I like that WSF works closely with wildlife biologists to promote scientific wildlife management. I am proud to be a long-time member of WSF.

*Dan Kluth
Kimberly, Idaho*

WSF LIFE MEMBERS

About half of WSF members are now Life Members, and for good reason: they are the respected bedrock of the foundation and allow us to “Put and Keep Sheep on the Mountain.” Life Members receive a plaque and Life Member lapel pin, plus all the benefits of a regular membership. Life Members also receive a tax acknowledgement for tax purposes. Life Members are honored at the annual Sheep Show® convention with an exclusive breakfast and auction. Also at the convention, each Life Member receives a ticket for the convention’s Life Member sheep drawing. All Life Member dues are placed into a Life Member Fund, which maintains a reserve to serve Life Members in perpetuity and support Life Member conservation and education initiatives.



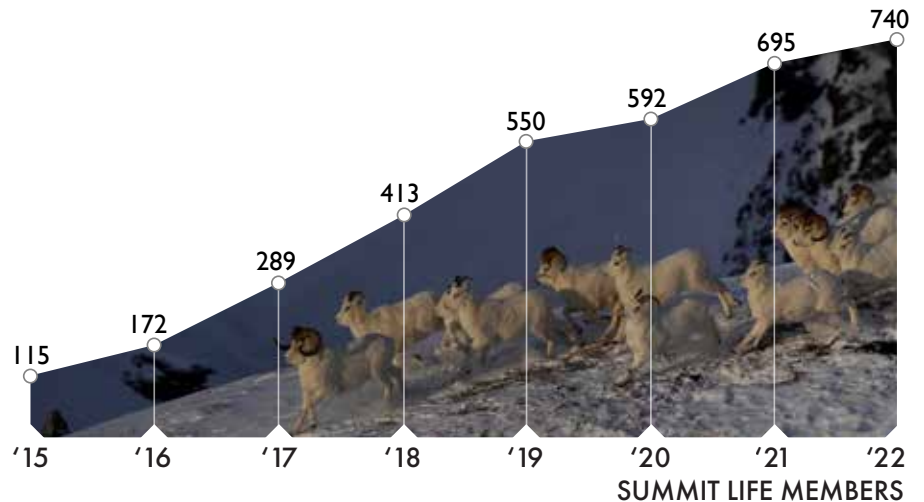
Although I haven't harvested a wild sheep yet, they still hold a special place in my heart. Being a member of WSF allows me to keep up to date on current conservation projects that are helping preserve and grow wild sheep numbers around North America. I have been a volunteer and member for WSF for multiple years now and I can say it's the best organization I have ever worked with. WSF has great people, great events, and an even greater cause!

-Tyler Perry



WSF SUMMIT LIFE MEMBERS

The Summit Life Membership takes that exceptional commitment and support of the Life Member to an even higher level. Life Member and Summit Life Member dues are directed to the WSF Life Member Fund to maintain a reserve, to provide service to all Life Members in perpetuity, as well as fund annual Life Member conservation and education initiatives. The Life Member Fund is one of the funds included in WSF Board Directed Assets as identified on p.32. Since inception, 740 Summit Life Members have joined through June 30, 2022.



FY 2021-22 NEW SUMMIT LIFE MEMBERS

Dan Baker	John Enfield	Duane Kubinchak	Pat O'Neill	Don South
Caleb Barclay	Shaun Essery	Timothy Kunkel	Mike Odin	Ryan Spiekermeier
Lance Bernal	Isaac Fernandez	William LaFayette	Andy Otte	Jay Stanford
Ruby Blake	Bryan Flintoff	BJ Lemieux	Armen Papazyan	Josh Stapp
Jim Bonanno	Michael A Gallegos Sr.	Zoey Lewis	Nathan Peckinpough	Jonah Stewart
Joe Brescia	Toby Griffith	Gary Lundstrom	Mike Perchetti	Mike Traub
Lance Brewer	Tamara Hadlock	Joanna Lyons-Antley	Hank Raats	Dawn Traub
James Bricker	Lt. Col. Martin	Cameron Marcoux	Grant Rach	Jeremy Tripp
Ruthann Brucato	W Hendrix USMC (Ret)	Mike Marshall	Craig Rath	Nicholas Vakay
Brandon Campbell	Nathan Ingram	John McCollum	Brett Reamer	Shane VanderGiessen
Cody Carlon	Bobby Jones	Michael McCormack	Shane Rogers	Robert West
David Clark	Robert Jose	Robert McIntyre	Blake Sartini II	Ron Whitton
Bobby Duma	Jeff Juart	Jack McKinney	Matthew Seidel	Bryan Wiesner
Nathan Eberle	Kris Killorn	Terry Meyers	Travis Sexton	Janice Wisley
Ronald Eggelston	Bruce Kirkpatrick	Brian Nelson	William Sikora	Stephen Yates
Larry Ellithorpe	William Kochevar	Blaine Nimer	Steve Skold	Mark Zastrow

Note: Summit Life Members joining after June 30, 2022 are recognized in the *Wild Sheep*® magazine and website and will be listed in the FY 2022 - 23 Annual Report.



ENSURING THE FUTURE OF WILD SHEEP

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Ensuring the Future of Wild Sheep (ETFOWS) campaign recorded \$947,500 in new pledge commitments. Contributors to the ETFOWS campaign are recognized through three WSF giving societies - Marco Polo Society, Chadwick Ram Society, and the Legacy Society.

In 2013, WSF launched ETFOWS to include tax and estate planning opportunities, counsel and advice, major gifts, and giving societies to raise the funds required to ensure the future of the wild sheep resource by directing even more dollars to wild sheep restoration, repatriation, and conservation. Our vision is to build a series of funds that, with a targeted annual off-take of ~4%, will allow WSF to direct 100% of our convention fundraising to Mission Programs. Our goal is \$5 Million to \$6 Million annually in mission-focused Grant-In-Aid and additional mission funding.

The Marco Polo Society (MPS) was established in 2008 as WSF's premier giving society, recognizing WSF donors of \$100,000 or more. During the 2021-2022, fiscal year the Marco Polo Society welcomed six (6) new members, bringing the total number of MPS members to 76.

The Chadwick Ram Society (CRS) was created in 2013 with five benefactor levels ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000. Benefactor levels can be "upgraded" within the Chadwick Ram Society as well as to the Marco Polo Society. During the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year the Chadwick Ram Society brought in \$422,500 in new and upgraded pledge dollars!





WSF SALUTES OUR MARCO POLO SOCIETY® MEMBERS TO DATE - Alphabetical Order

Shane & Angela Alexander (TN)	The Fiedelvey Family (OH)	Larry & Brenda Potterfield (MO)
Lee & Penny Anderson (FL)	Ronald S. Gabriel, MD (CA)	Joni & Gary W. Raba (TX)
Anonymous	* Brian & Susan Ham (AZ)	Terry Rathert (TX)
Anonymous	Marc & Cheryl Hansen (PA)	Gary & Yvonne Rigotti (OR)
Stanford & Pamela Atwood (CA)	Jim & Sue Hens (NY)	Christopher Ring (TX)
John & Jane Babler (MN)	Tom & Denise Hoffman (NY)	Kevin & Janine Rinke (MI)
Scott & Erica Barry (MI)	Steve & Jill Hornady (NE)	Alan & Barbara Sackman (NY)
Brian & Debbie Benyo (OH)	Larry & Jane Hunts (OR)	Doug & Shelly Sayer (ID)
* Gary Bogner (MI)	Kevin Hurley (ID)	Roger Segebrecht (WI)
Dan & Kathy Boone (TX)	Ross & Nicole Jackson (CO)	Kip & Sue Slauch (UT)
Jerry & Amy Brenner (NC)	Scott Jesseman (IL)	Kevin & Tuesdy Small (CA)
Steve & Jackie Bruggeman (MN)	Kaan & Nurgul Karakaya (TUR)	J. Alain Smith (WA)
* Peter & Wendy Burchfield (PA)	Kryptek Outdoor Group (ID)	* Mike Snider (MI)
Ron & Billi Carey (AB)	George & Kelly Lawrence (WA)	* Darryl & Shauna Southwick (CO)
Oscar & Valerie Carlson (MN)	Doug & Dana Leech (WV)	Brandon & Kristi Stokes (OR)
Walt & Joan Coram (TX)	Thomas Lemmerholz (GER)	Jelindo & Sandee Tiberti (NV)
Guinn & Betsy Crousens (TX)	Jeff Lindgren (MN)	Matt Tomseth (OR)
Denis & Diane Dale (AB)	Paul Mattes (MI)	Tim & Ruth Van Der Weide (IA)
Dean & Paige Darby (MI)	Kyle & Joanne Meintzer (NV)	Ken & Anna Vorisek (AK)
Monty & Becky Davis (TX)	Craig & Therese Mueller (ID)	Craig West (NC)
Jeff & Jann Demaske (CO)	Richard & Linda Murphy (NM)	Steven & Ardyce Whisler (MT)
Chris & Jaimie Dianda (NV)	The Olmstead Family (BC)	Clayton & Modesta Williams (TX)
Mike & Julie Dianda (NV)	La Palmosa	Russ & Debi Young (TX)
Mark & Janice Dickson (CA)	Mark & Gabriela Peterson (MI)	Gary & Penny Young (WV)
Billy Dunbar (AK)	Ron & Vicki Pomeroy (WY)	Alan Young (YT)

***Indicates** New Marco Polo Society members during FY - 2021-22

Note: Marco Polo Society Members joining after June 30, 2022 are recognized in the Wild Sheep® magazine and website and will be listed in the FY 2022-23 Annual Report.

CHADWICK RAM SOCIETY®

Chadwick Ram Society donations can be made to the Endowment Fund, Conservation Fund, our annual Convention and/or Operations to fund specific programs and initiatives. Chadwick Ram Society members receive a society pin and are recognized in our "Wild Sheep" magazine as well as on our website. Members may also "upgrade" their benefactor levels within the Chadwick Ram Society as well as to the Marco Polo Society.

For more information on the Chadwick Ram Society, the Marco Polo Society or the Ensuring the Future of Wild Sheep campaign, contact WSF's world headquarters staff or visit our website.

We cordially invite you to join the Chadwick Ram Society and help ensure the future of wild sheep!

WSF SALUTES OUR CHADWICK RAM SOCIETY® MEMBERS • Alphabetical by benefactor level

* New or Upgraded CRS for FY - 2021-22

Chadwick Ram Society members joining after June 30, 2022 will appear in the FY 2022-2023 Annual Report.
You can see those new members highlighted on our website and in our magazine.

🏆 PLATINUM - \$50,000

Lee Anderson (FL)
Anonymous
Kenneth L. Barr (CA)
Bryan & Barbara Bartlett (NM)
*Gary Bogner (MI)
Bob & Steve Brocchini (CA)
Ron & Billi Carey (AB)
David Cosco (YT)
Tom Foss (AB)
Kevin Gilbert (MT)
Mike & Dianna Goodart (CO)
Evon D & Jack H Keck Foundation (WI)
Kevin & Eileen Kehoe (AK)
Roger Kenner (ND)
*Chris Klineburger &
Grace Mathis-Klineburger (NV)
Larry & Emily Lewis (MI)
Mychal Murray (TX)
Lanny S. & Susan Rominger (NM)
Michael Samson (AK)
Jim Travis (AZ)
"In Memory of Jody Travis"
Mark Watkins (MN)

🏆 GOLD - \$25,000

*Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Mike Borel (CA)
Tony Caligiuri (IA)
Wesley Curry (ID)
Scott DeMars (MT)
Darin & Tonya Fiedeldey (OH)
Farrel & Judy Gosman (IN)
Dr. Bob & Dr. Carole Griego (AZ)
Alan Hayes (SC)
Larry & Gay Johns (NV)
Bob & Pam Keagy (CA)
Mike Mechenbier (NM)
Glen & Caroline Pyne (CA)
David B. Reed (TX)
Lou & Pauline Rupp (MO)
Steve & Sue Skold (IA)
Renee Snider (CA)
Jim & Alisia Stager (PA)
Charles & Denise Swanson (IL)
Dr. Brian & Karen Tallerico (IL)
*George Vandenberg (CO)
Butch Whiting (ID)



SILVER - \$10,000

Anonymous

Anonymous

Ryan Andrews (PA)

***David Antley, Jr (OR)**

Glenn & Susan Bailey (VA)

Ryan & Marissa Bassham (MT)

Jake Benson (TX)

Cole & Elaine Benton (WY)

Lance Bernal (NM)

Eldon "Buck" Buckner (OR)

Jeremy & Karen Chase (PA)

Kelli S. Cody (MT)

***Kemp Copeland (TX)**

James & Leann Craig (IN)

Richard Crawford (MI)

Larry Diehl (VA)

Dennis Dunn (ID)

Tyrel Dutcher (TX)

Buddy DuVall (GA)

David & Tamara Alegria Dybvig (AZ)

K.J. Eberspecher (IL)

Gary Erker (CO)

Aaron Florian (UT)

Ryan & Tiffany Foutz (UT)

Dale & Donna Gaugler (MD)

***Jeff Geiger (OH)**

Karen Gordon (AK)

***Paul Greene (CO)**

Robert & Arlene Hanson (AZ)

Zach & Amber Higgins (ID)

Daniel Hinz (WY)

Denise Hoffman (CO)

***Lucas Humbard (AK)**

Stewart N. Isley (MI)

Larry Jacobs (OR)

Brett Jefferson (NV)

Jonathan Jencks (VA)

Kenetrek (MT)

***Dan Kluth (ID)**

Kyle Krause (TX)

Will Lee (AK)

Peter Licata (NV)

Tom Lang (FL)

Garrett & Jana Long (MT)

Shane Mahoney (NL)

Donald Martin (CA)

***Zachary McDermott (WY)**

Larry & JoAnne McGovern (MT)

Terry & Mary Mick (MN)

Bo & Jerri Morgan (AZ)

Pete & Bobbie Mowbray (VA)

***Craig & Laureen Nakamoto (IA)**

Stone Mountain Safaris

- Leif & Kellie Olsen (BC)

***Michael Opitz (WA)**

Rich & Frances Papapietro (CA)

Joe & Mary Peachey (PA)

Mark & Susan Pickering (NM)

Richard J. Pierce (CA)

***Greg Pope (WY)**

***Steven Quisenberry (VA)**

Ron Raboud (FL)

Ed Rasmuson (AK)

Aaron Rees (WA)

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Mason Rogers (TX)

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***Gary Sessions (NM)**

***Robert Sherer (MT)**

McKenzie Sims (WY)

AC & Melissa Smid (WY)

Edward & Gail Spies (SD)

J.C. Spies (SD)

Ryan Steptoe (AE)

James Stubbs (SC)

Gray N. Thornton (MT)

***Jeremy & Jessica Tripp (ID)**

***JT Tubbs (MT)**

Reuben Valles (CA)

Jim & Shaina Warner (ID)

Dan & Kim Williams (AK)

Darryl Williams & Cassie Shafer (CA)

Jim & Paula Wilson (NJ)

Thomas Zimmerman (WI)

BRONZE - \$5,000

Todd Adams (AK)

Jack & Cindy Atcheson (MT)

Clint Bentley

& Cindy Alexander (NV)

Rick & Sandra Booth (PA)

Mike Bouton (MN)

Ross Brewer (TX)

***Aaron & Amy Burkhart (MN)**

Calvin Burns (CO)

Paul Carter (MA)

Julie Chapman (IN)

Kevin Cheng & Hana Yang (CA)

***Don Colter (ID)**

James Cooney (AK)

***Alan Day (OR)**

Paul Donaldson (MT)

Toni Durrance (FL)

Jim Fitzgerald (CA)

Tom & LeAnna Fischer (ID)

Mark Fritz (MN)

Jeff Furstenau (MN)

***Hal & Emily Frye (AK)**

Tom Grimes (MT)

Tyson Hale (TX)

Justin Hallock (CA)

Brian & Susan Ham (AZ)

***Paul Hanson (WA)**

David & Kathy Harrison (CA)

***Charles Hartford (CA)**

Dale Hislop (AB)

***Keith Hite (PA)**

***Shad & April Hulse (UT)**

Stacey & Dorcy Hunt (WA)

Kyle & Tess Hurley (ID)

Adam Janke (BC)

Glenn & Ann Kennedy (TX)

Bob Kenner (WA)

***Rachel Kidwell (AK)**

Ted Kruzan (IA)

Glen Landrus (WA)

***James Lewis (AK)**

John Link (WI)

***Christopher Loomis (MT)**

Mitchel Lopez (NJ)

Jim Manley (OR)

Martin Marietta (NC)

Matthew & Traci Martin (MT)

***Bob & Lisa Mays (NV)**

Alan & Kathy McGraw (TX)

***Carl Nelson (AK)**

Randy & Kim Newberg (MT)

***Elliot Niemi (AK)**

Doug & Lu Ochsner (MT)

Steve Opat (AK)

Jeffrey Perez (NJ)

Gary Raba (TX)

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Anthony Reviglio (NV)

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***Bob Van De Rostyne (WY)**

***Mike Schmillen (MN)**

Tim & Roxanne Shinabarger (MT)

Barrett Sims (TN)

***Victor Smith Jr.**

& Danielle Jackson (CA)

Drew Stamerjohn (IL)

Steven Stanford (WA)

Kyle Stelter (BC)

Greg Strait (PA)

John Teeter (NC)

Steve Thompson (IN)

Troy Tidwell (WA)

Peter Treboldi (MI)

Jim & Crystal Urban (AK)

Brennan Uter (LA)

Dr. Tony Weber (WA)

T.R. White (NV)

Michael Wieck (WI)

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Gail D. Zimmerman (WY)

CHADWICK RAM SOCIETY® (continued)

COPPER - \$2,500

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Anonymous
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Myles Astle (NT)
***Michael Avery (LA)**
Jeremy Ayotte (BC)
Ben Bailey (AK)
Kurt Baugher (ID)
Justin Befort (AK)
Jim & Gail Bernardin (WY)
Clayton Bevers (TX)
Bradford Black (OH)
Lloyd Blackwood (NC)
***John Blankenship (MA)**
John R. Blocker III (TX)
Aaron Bloomquist (AK)
In Memory of Adeline Bloomquist (AK)
***Angie Bloomquist (AK)**
***Jim Bonanno (CO)**
***Brian Book (MT)**
Dan & Cynthia Book (MT)
Skip & Sarah Bourgeois (AK)
Josh Bummer (ND)
Rick & Heather Carosone (ID)
Adam Casagrande (ID)
Edward Chacho (AK)
Jim Cherf (WA)
Gary Colbath (AK)
Jon Crawford (MI)
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Graham & Paige Culver (MT)
Kevin Dana (AK)
***David Daniel (TX)**
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Ryan DeBonis (AK)
Brown & Kelli Delozier (TX)
Matt Deluca (AK)
Brett & Haley Evens (AK)
Terry Dieren Family (IA)
Chipper Dippel (TX)
Cyril & Carol Elsingher (IA)
Dan Evenson (WI)
Dusty & Kiersti Felska (MT)
Darla Fiedeldey (OH)
Brian Fienhold (UT)
Hank Flatow (MT)
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***Jason Gentz (MN)**
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Matt & Rita Gittlein (AK)
***Brandon Goodwin (IL)**
Eric Gould (MT)
Edward K. Grasser (AK)
David Haakinson (AK)
Patrick Hagens (WY)
Steven Hallenbeck (AK)
***AD Hancock (FL)**
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Marvin Scott Haswell, M.D. (CO)
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Adam & Holly Heier (AB)
Wayne & Diane Henderson (SD)
Jacob Herman (TN)
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John Hilton (CA)
Benjamin Hinze (AK)
***Scott Homrich (MI)**
Marilyn M. Horton (GA)
C.J. Hyland (WA)
***Gary Ingersoll (TX)**
Cory & Becky Jackson (AK)
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Ryan Johnson (AK)
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- Shane Johnston (NZ)
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Peter Kaple (FL)
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Erin Kehoe (AK)
Andrew Kelly (MT)
Charlie Kelly (AZ)
Nicholas B. M. Kemp, Jr (PA)
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Kris & Jill Killorn (MT)
Dallas King (Alb.)
Kurt Kobus (WI)
Patrick Lais (AK)
Ben Lamb (MT)
Richard Lewallen (MT)
Ricky Lindsey (AK)
Leverett & Meredith Lunceford (VA)
Russell MacLennan (CO)
Bryan Martin (BC)
Gary H. Martinez (NY)
David Matthias (IA)
Jason Matzinger (MT)
Walter Maximuch (NJ)
***Brendon McCarney (AK)**
Jim & Ashley McEnroe (MT)
Garrett McKee (AK)
***Kenneth Mee (CA)**
Herb Meyr (ID)
Chuck Middleton (ID)
Davy Mize (LA)
***Jacob Mock (AK)**
David L. Mode (GA)
Charles Monson (ND)
Kasey Moore-Ritchie (AK)
Janner T. Morgan (AK)
Nicholas Muche (AK)
Zachary Mulford (WI)
G. Latham Myers, II (WV)
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Hans Neidig (AK)
***Shawn Nelson (WY)**
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Travis Parks (FL)

Chris Peccia (MT)
John M. Pestorich (CA)
Matt Pestorich (CA)
James Petersen (IL)
***Laura Pettett (CO)**
William Pettett (CO)
Bob & J.P. Puette (NV)
Mahting Putelis - Hunt to Eat (CO)
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***Daryl Reid (CA)**
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Zachery Rinker (AK)
Leff Robbins (AL)
Brad Roe (MT)
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Jacob Ryg (MN)
David & Adrienne Sams (TX)
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Tim & Lillian Schommer (ID)
Wayne & Marcia Schottler (MT)
Mike Shults (CA)
***Alan Shultz (CA)**
Chris & Aislinn Schultz (AK)
Rebecca Schwanke (AK)
Jeff Schweighart (WY)
Jason Sheridan (LA)
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Rush Simpson (AR)
Neal H. Skinner (AZ)
Travis Skogstad (AK)
Cory Smith (ND)
Samuel Sowders (TX)
Paul Spyhalski (MN)
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Brian & Claire Stoltz (AK)
Dallas Strait (PA)
John Sturgeon (AK)
Morad Tahbaz (CT)
Timothy Thomas (AK)
Darren Thomson (AB)
Cornelius Tolan (PA)
Rowdy Tough (AK)
Bryan Tulare (AK)
William & Lois Turner (AB)
Carter & Michelle Verhaeghe (OR)
Tina Veldkamp (AK)
Jake & Jacilyn Wallace (CO)
Will Walton (AK)
Zack Walton (CA)
John Washburn (WI)
***Kelli White (AK)**
Beau Williams (WY)
Erica Williams (MI)
Shawn Wood (CA)
Peregrine Wolff (CA)
WSI Sports Wear (MN)
Ed Zernia (AK)
Brian Zivicky & Leslie Reed (CO)



WSF SALUTES OUR LEGACY SOCIETY® MEMBERS JANUARY 2013 - JUNE 30, 2022
LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS JOINING DURING FY 2021-22 ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

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Anonymous
Jack, Jr. & Cindy Atcheson
Derek W.O. Berry
Mike Borel
Cabela's Outdoor Fund
Dr. Robert & Cynthia Cassell
Rick & Heather Carasone

Monty & Becky Davis
Howard & Mary Deters
Doug & Patty Dreeszen
Buddy DuVall
Tom Grimes
Eric & Sue Hansen
Robert & Arlene Hanson
John & Mary Ann Justus
Roger McCosker
Robert E. & Lisa Mays

Kyle & Joanne Meinzter
Chuck Middleton
David Mode
Brad R. Plaga
Robert & J.P. Puette
Kevin & Janine Rinke
Lanny Rominger
Louis & Pauline Rupp
Roger Segebrecht
Tim & Roxane Shinabarger
Jim Travis
Tim & Ruth Van Der Weide
The Estate of Robert B. Johnson
The William H. Donner Foundation, Inc.
SCI Foundation -Hunter Legacy Fund (HLF-100)
Curt & Marcia Thompson
Gray N. Thornton



PRESIDENT'S LETTER – Spring Issue 2022 Wild Sheep®

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

After the past two years of craziness and a nearly two-year hiatus of an in-person event, I'm thrilled to report our recent 2022 Sheep Show® and Sheep Week® convention and experience was a resounding success. More than anything, on behalf of our staff and board of directors, I want to thank our exceptional membership, our exhibitors, donors, sponsors, ambassadors, attendees, and buyers for showing up, braving the uncertainty, and demonstrating once again that the WSF family is second to none! Thank you!

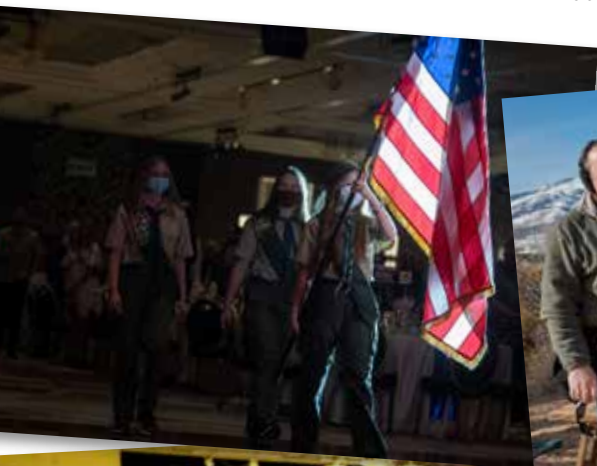
Make no mistake, WSF and our industry friends hosting in-person events faced unbelievable and incredible challenges this year – both foreseen and unforeseen. In many ways the virtual 2021 world was less uncertain. For 2022 we all forged ahead wondering what the world, the pandemic, and the politics surrounding it would throw our-way.

Last minute cancellations, lack of vendor staff, supply chain issues, lack of product, and all of this due to illness or fear of illness were the norm. Loss of key contractors, new faces both internal and external plus a rustiness of host and hosted played part. Uncertainty and angst over mandates – to mask or not to mask was a constant debate. Some could not believe WSF would not mandate vaccinations to attend, others were angry that masks were required. We knew early that we could not make all happy - but we forged ahead regardless in the comfort that our membership and the WSF family would prevail...and they and you did. Thank you!

Just before the show season launched in early January with the DSC convention, the omicron "variant" was a fear and as feared had an impact. Major European as well as other companies backed out of the shows. We all scrambled to reconfigure halls but soldiered on. By SCI's convention I was calling the back-to-back-to-back-to-back super spreader shows "Herd Immunity for our Community."

The fact is however, that our collective base memberships showed up. While it appears all of us (DSC, WSF, SHOT, SCI, & GSCO) had slight drops in overall attendance, those who attended came to enjoy, to support our organizations, and support financially the passion we have for hunting and conservation.

This support at the Sheep Show® was demonstrated in the incredible auction, raffle sales and appeals giving. Riding high on the nine new permit records set in 2021 at our virtual event, eleven new records and one tie were set in 2022 in Reno! Incredibly, the records were not on a magnitude of 10-20% higher than previous as some were 50-100% higher. And, the support kept going. As I write this in early March several of our Chapters and Affiliates events have seen similar record support. The 2021 record Nebraska permit sale was just topped at IA FNAWS at \$330,000! This is a 57% increase over the prior record. Well done IA FNAWS and thank you to all the bidders to date!



At Sheep Week® we recognized some exceptional conservationists with our special awards, some exceptional hunters and hunting accomplishments at our Ram/FNAWS/Mountain Monarch Awards, and the back in person prestigious Conklin Award presented Friday night by Dr. Bradford Black of the Conklin Foundation. Be sure to check on the Awards section of this issue.

Our Thursday, Friday, and Saturday banquets and conservation auctions were packed with near or at pre-pandemic attendance, and our Ladies Luncheon and Life Member Breakfast set new attendance records.

We moved the <1 Club Beer Reception and Hunt drawings to a larger hall and packed it with an energetic crowd of over 1,500 hopeful to be drawn for a sheep or goat hunt or just enjoy the excitement of watching others win. Of course, they also enjoyed the bottomless pints of Blue Moon beer generously donated by Blue Moon and New West Distributing. By 6 pm six lucky folks had won a dream sheep or goat hunt. But it did not end there. The first drawn for the <1 club does not need to be present... the second and third drawn do. Before we kicked off the Friday Legacy Night Gala, <1 Club Committee chair Justin Phillips and <1 Club Manager Maddie Pennaz had

connected with first drawn Eric Best who advised that he actually got kicked out with a desert ram on a cancellation hunt in Baja. So they went to the second drawn Melissa Foltz, who also advised that she too had just been kicked out drawing a Nevada permit. So the third drawn John King won benefitting from the honesty and integrity of the prior "winners."

It is so heartening to see this level of character within our membership. Thank you Eric and Melissa for your honesty. You are an inspiration to us all. In appreciation, we are sending these two "honest winners" a new Mark V rifle in a caliber of their choice from our friends at Weatherby, Inc. A heartfelt thanks to all of our <1 Club donors, sponsors and underwriters for making this program such a success.

The support of the WSF membership is also demonstrated by their support for our donor direct appeals with 100% of the proceeds directed to fund wild sheep conservation, restoration, and other programs. Launched in 2013 our Take One Put One Back (TOPOB) program that asks those who have taken a sheep to "put one back" has raised \$1.422 Million with 100% of those dollars directed or committed to on the mountain conservation to put wild sheep on the mountain, or keep them there. This year (to date) an incredible \$225,000 was raised by generous TOPOB donations.

In addition, an appeal was launched with the help of the First Lady of Indiana Janet Holcomb for our Women Hunt™ program and \$12,800 was raised for this exceptional program. WSF thanks these and all of our appeal donors!

Finally, I want to thank our WSF ambassadors for their help in promoting Sheep Week® and all it entails.

While the 2022 Sheep Show® is behind us we have a great deal in store over the next few months of this fiscal year including numerous C&A banquets through June and our May Thinhorn Summit III in Whitehorse, YT and C&A Summit in San Antonio. I hope to see you at one or more of these events this spring!

Thank you again. It is a privilege to serve this foundation and membership.


Gray N. Thornton
President & CEO



YWCE

YOUTH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

The Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (Y.W.C.E.) is the pinnacle youth event solely organized and executed by the Wild Sheep Foundation and takes place each year alongside the Sheep Show® in Reno, Nevada. This year marked the eleventh year of the event, which has continuously grown in size over the last decade. The event this year was one of the first “in-person” family events to take place for families in the area after the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in the first large drop in attendance since inception of the program. However, even with this barrier, the Y.W.C.E. impacted 1,167 youth over the three-day event.

Starting on Thursday of Sheep Show®, local students were bused in from a variety of schools for a five-hour experience. It began with a seminar educating youth on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, adaptations of wild sheep, and how the Wild Sheep Foundation is involved with conservation of wild sheep. Next, three sessions of outdoor career seminars took place. Each session offered three different seminars for student to select from. Each session lasted 25 minutes and offered students the opportunity to learn about careers such as wildlife biology, managing wildlife refuges, making art out of antlers, running an outdoor camouflage company, and more.

After learning about three of the nine offered careers, students reassembled for lunch and a keynote speaker. The presentation was put on by one of WSF’s Life Membership Fund Scholarship recipients who was majoring in a field related to wildlife management. This offered an opportunity for participants to learn from someone closer to their age about possible paths forward into such college bound careers.

Finally, students school groups were given a few hours for hands-on learning from

the thirty-two different stations offered throughout the Y.W.C.E. Each station was designed to engage, excite, and inspire the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife conservationists. Stations included: fly tying, rock climbing, conservation, animal study, archery, leave-no-trace ethics, the shooting sports, duck calling, and more.

Friday repeated a similar schedule with students from other schools, amounting to a total of 495 youth attending the experience through field trips from seven different schools in two days.

Saturday the Y.W.C.E. was open to the public for free and offered the same hands-on stations, but also included free

youth raffles. Additionally, the Tracks Program took place for youth who were 12-17 years old which involved taking a punch card and following sheep tracks on the floor throughout the exhibit hall to participating vendors. Each vendor would take time to educate on a specific concept. Upon completion of the punch card, it was deposited into a special raffle.

The Y.W.C.E. program is in-part funded through a youth endowment with the MidwayUSA Foundation, which was established through the generosity of Larry and Brenda Potterfield. The Y.W.C.E. was established in 2012 thanks to the Potterfields’ vision of engaging youth in conservation and outdoor activities.

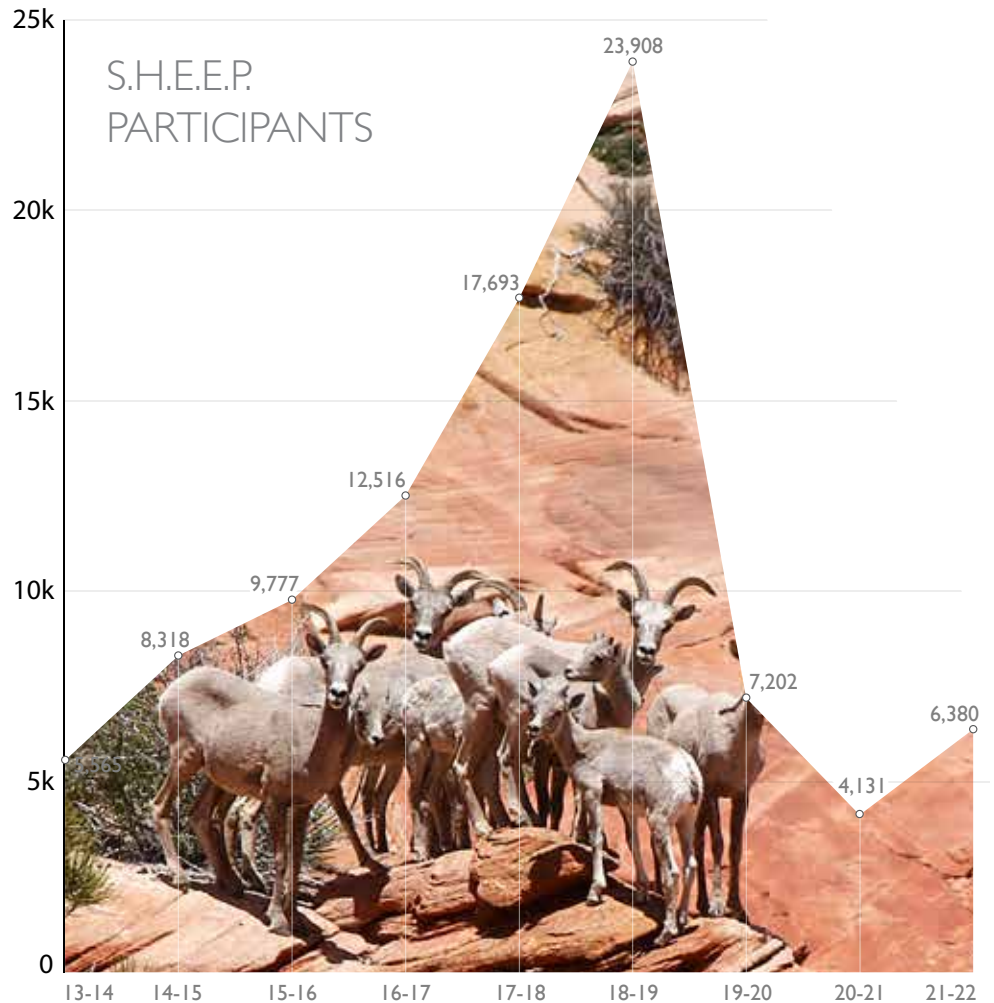


S.H.E.E.P.

SHOOTING • HUNTING • ETHICS • EDUCATION • PROGRAM

Recognizing the importance youth will play in the future of wildlife conservation, hunting, and outdoor activities, WSF developed the Shooting, Hunting & Ethics Education Program (S.H.E.E.P.) in 2012. WSF's commitment to developing the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and conservationists led to the development of S.H.E.E.P. as its community outreach youth initiative involving urban and rural areas across our nation. Concluding its tenth year, the program has impacted 85,664 kids in 579 events since it began. Including the national Youth Wildlife Conservation Experiences, WSF has impacted 98,034 youth with its 590 events overall.

The goal of S.H.E.E.P. is to organize, be involved in, and execute experiential learning experiences for youth around the nation that focus on both introductory as well as next-level skills in outdoor ethics, the shooting sports, conservation, and outdoor related hobbies. Events range from small-scale youth gatherings at chapter banquets where participants utilize indoor archery equipment, Laser Shot machines, and conservation kits to massive events involving various conservation groups and hundreds to thousands of kids. Not every event is the same, and each is customized based on the goal and space available of that particular event. In addition to youth expos, learn to shoot clinics, hunter and firearm safety classes, and conservation education, WSF has developed school kits that are shipped across the nation. These kits include over twenty lessons, videos, PowerPoints, and hands-on materials that teachers can use to educate their classes on wild sheep and conservation efforts. This year 61 different classrooms learned from these kits.



Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Wild Sheep Foundation
Bozeman, Montana

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wild Sheep Foundation (the "Foundation"), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wild Sheep Foundation as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Wild Sheep Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wild Sheep Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Wild Sheep Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wild Sheep Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Wipfli LLP

Wipfli LLP
Missoula, Montana

February 21, 2023

Wild Sheep Foundation

Statements of Financial Position

June 30,	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 665,654	\$ 1,460,150
Convention and membership receivables	315,274	184,215
Merchandise inventories	116,622	80,554
Prepaid expenses	277,857	157,766
Pledges receivable, net of discount	187,826	210,761
Total current assets	1,563,233	2,093,446
Fund and trust - invested funds	4,098,739	4,714,996
Pledges receivable, net of discount	703,715	744,280
Furniture fixtures and equipment, net	61,388	53,894
Other assets	10,249	12,748
Total assets	\$ 6,437,324	\$ 7,619,364
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 223,033	\$ 618,604
Accrued expenses	208,579	168,368
Convention deposits and deferred revenue	265,498	176,844
Line of credit	276,425	267,305
SBA PPP Loan	-	213,672
Total current liabilities	973,535	1,444,793
Net assets:		
Without donor restriction:		
Undesignated	1,373,422	795,406
Board designated	2,914,468	3,502,505
With donor restrictions	1,175,899	1,876,660
Total net assets	5,463,789	6,174,571
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 6,437,324	\$ 7,619,364

Wild Sheep Foundation

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30,	2021		Total
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	
Support and revenue:			
Proceeds from annual convention	\$ 7,612,920	\$ -	\$ 7,612,920
Less: direct costs	1,944,986	-	1,944,986
Net convention revenue	5,667,934	-	5,667,934
Donations	1,456,759	355,245	1,812,004
Dues and memberships	558,095	-	558,095
Publication revenue	174,187	-	174,187
Investment income, net of expenses	729,036	287,316	1,016,352
Intergovernmental grant in aid	213,672	-	213,672
Net assets released from restriction	288,851	(288,851)	-
Total support and revenue	9,088,534	353,710	9,442,244
Program service expenses:			
Wild sheep conservation and education	6,169,446	-	6,169,446
Membership services	483,441	-	483,441
Total program service expenses	6,652,887	-	6,652,887
Support service expenses:			
Fundraising	435,433	-	435,433
Membership development	244,056	-	244,056
Administration	923,276	-	923,276
Total support service expenses	1,602,765	-	1,602,765
Change in net assets	832,882	353,710	1,186,592
Net assets, beginning of year	3,465,029	1,522,950	4,987,979
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,297,911	\$ 1,876,660	\$ 6,174,571

For full Financial Audit results please contact WSF Headquarters.



Beginning Balance: \$11,109,922 (July 1, 2021)
 Endowment Additions: \$502,652
 Gains (losses): (\$1,276,049)
 Less: 4% off-take for Programs (\$345,145)*
 Less: Investment & other fees (\$89,278)
 Ending FY Endowment Balance: (\$9,902,102) \$ (June 30, 2022)

*The annual 4% off-take was directed to help fund more than \$1,000,000 of WSF Mission Programs and Grant-In-Aid funded from Operations during the year. See FY 2021-22 Mission Program Funding Summary (pp. 3&4) for programs funded.

Note: In November 2013 a separate 501(c)3 Supporting Organization was formed called the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation (WSLF) to solely support the Mission and Purpose of the Wild Sheep Foundation. The Board of Trustees of WSLF are all Life Members of WSF.

The WSF Endowment Fund assets were transferred from the Wild Sheep Foundation to the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation to manage and invest in November of 2013.



WILD SHEEP LEGACY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT BALANCE



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION & WILD SHEEP LEGACY FOUNDATION
JUNE 30, 2022



Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$682,090
Convention and membership receivables	315,274
Merchandise inventories	116,622
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>277,857</u>

TOTAL current assets 1,391,843

Fund and Trust - invested funds	4,098,739
Endowment - invested funds	9,885,666
Pledges receivable, net of discount	891,541
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	61,388
Other assets	<u>10,249</u>

TOTAL assets \$16,339,426

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	708,037
Convention deposits and deferred revenue	<u>265,498</u>

TOTAL current liabilities 973,535

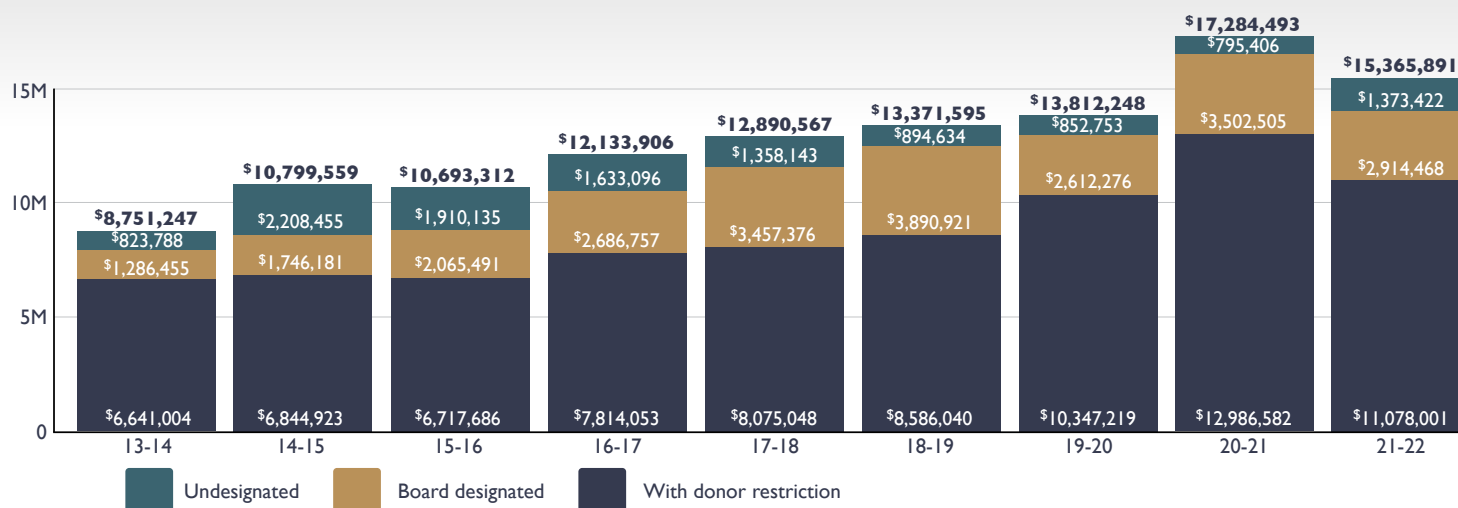
Net assets:

Without donor restriction	
Undesignated	1,373,422
Board designated	2,914,468
With donor restriction	<u>11,078,001</u>

TOTAL net assets 15,365,891

TOTAL liabilities and net assets \$16,339,426

CONSOLIDATED NET ASSETS OF WSF & WSLF



SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

Highlights from our most popular Facebook & Instagram posts



#1: Curls for the girls. #FullCurlFriday

Photo credit: Mike Polkowske

This is one of our many photo submissions from ANNULI, the Annual Duncan Gilchrist Photo Contest. Every year we announce winners and award a prize for the overall People's Choice winner at Sheep Week™. Want to be featured or enter for a chance to win? Always remember your camera when headed out this year.

#WildSheepFoundation #WSF #ANNULI
#PhotoContest #WildlifePhotography
#Conservation

Reach: 243,319
Likes/Reactions: 11,965



#2: You do the math. #FullCurlFriday

Photo credit: Ryan Baskerville

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Reach: 181,169
Likes/Reactions: 8,271



#3: Not a full curl, but who cares?

Photo Credit: Wayne Shelton

This is an epic shot reminding us that conservation transcends time. Native peoples revered wild sheep, and so do we.

#FullCurlFriday
#WildSheepFoundation #WSF #Conservation

Reach: 48,312
Likes/Reactions: 2,272



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wildsheepfoundation The Wild Sheep Foundation salutes the @Pyramid_Lake Paiute Tribe and @NevadaWildlife on successfully restoring bighorn sheep to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation after a 100-year absence.



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wildsheepfoundation Congratulations to WSF Summit Life member William "Bill" Tittle for his 2021 Desert ram taken with Luis Romero and @Desert_Hunt of Mexico's Tiburón Island. It scored 180-6/8 with Pope & Young.

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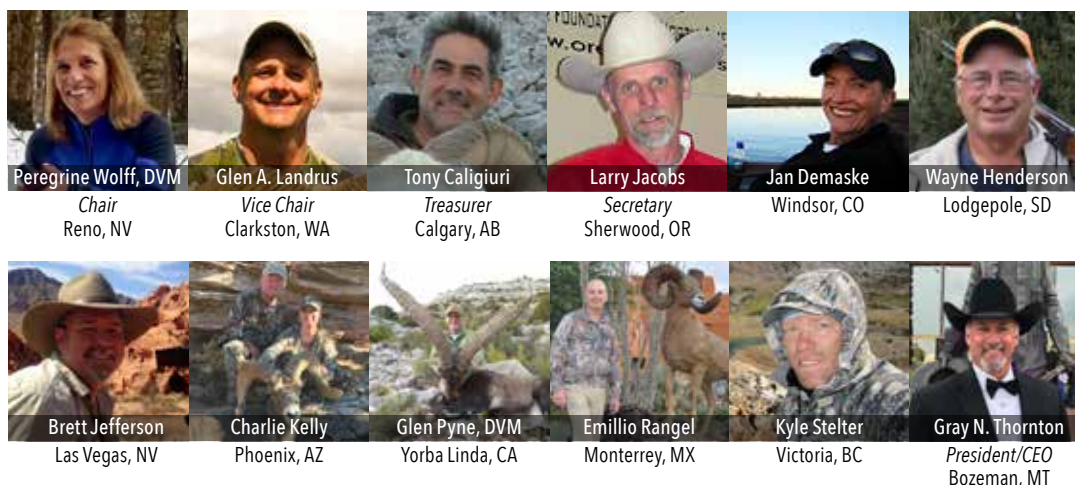
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wildsheepfoundation Big Sky Country still has the rams. Here Carson Eddie sits with is 2020 DYI Montana archery 194+ ram. @MontanaFWP Rocky tag holders, make sure to let us know how you fare this year and don't forget to tag us in any photos.

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