



CONSERVATION VISION 2025

Why Wild Sheep?

Wild mountain sheep are special. To the hunter-conservationist community and other peoples the world over, the sight of a wild sheep represents a living rarity among our grand mountain ranges, places that epitomize the allure of wilderness, and the freedom and fortitude these last vestiges offer. For many, just knowing they still exist in healthy condition is satisfying. Others know that the future of wild sheep rests solely upon human intervention and those committed to actively protect and enhance their populations.

The Wild Sheep Foundation exists as the only international conservation organization committed to doing everything necessary to benefit wild sheep.

Overarching Goals

- 1. ENHANCE** wild sheep habitat
- 2. RESTORE** wild sheep to suitable habitats
- 3. EXPAND & PROTECT** wild sheep hunting opportunities
- 4. RAISE AWARENESS** of wild sheep challenges
- 5. DEVELOP** strategies to address wild sheep challenges



5 YEAR TACTICAL ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE OVERARCHING GOALS

1. **ENHANCE** Wild Sheep Habitat

- a. Negotiate/Implement domestic sheep grazing allotment retirements
- b. Mitigate Cheatgrass and other impediments to habitat health
- c. Develop and maintain water sources
- d. Utilize Conservation Easements
- e. Promote and enable active management on private and public land

2. **RESTORE** Wild Sheep to Suitable Habitat

- a. Be the catalyst to establish 3 new BHS/DBHS herds in 5 years
- b. Create new healthy source herd for translocations (private/tribal/public?)
- c. Secure current and new populations by transforming the relationship between wild sheep and domestic sheep stakeholders

3. **EXPAND & PROTECT** Wild Sheep Hunting Opportunities

- a. Access to the Resource
- b. Establish new Unlimited (over the counter) Areas in 1-2 states
- c. Achieve X% net gain in sheep tags
- d. Protect unlimited (over the counter) opportunities in Alaska, Canada & Montana
- e. Expand use of Conservation Permits in 2 new Central Asian countries over next 5 years.

4. **RAISE AWARENESS** of Wild Sheep Challenges

- a. Educate
- b. Advocate
- c. Engage all communications platforms

5. **DEVELOP** Strategies to Address Wild Sheep Challenges

- a. Remove barriers for reintroductions
- b. Fund and encourage collaborative disease research by wild and domestic sheep interests
- c. Conceive, develop, and test novel separation strategies
- d. Add 2 new countries with MOUs to the Central Asia Initiative over the next 5 years.

