



## ***Wild Sheep* Submission Guidelines**

As the official publication of the Wild Sheep Foundation, *Wild Sheep* seeks to inform, educate, and entertain our readers. Aside from our sections dedicated to news, conservation, gear, and how-to's, *Wild Sheep* serves as a platform for you, our valued members, to share your exciting hunting stories with all of our readers. We are actively seeking entertaining stories that highlight wild sheep and goat hunting from across the globe. However, we are not only seeking longer feature stories, but are also looking for short hunting reports and even just high quality member trophy photos. Following are some guidelines for you to keep in mind when sending us your story.

### **Hunting Feature Stories**

When we receive hunting feature stories, we evaluate them based upon photo and story quality. Since *Wild Sheep* is a visual media, the photos are almost more important than the story itself, since it is the photos that draw people into the story. We not only need good quality trophy photos, but also support photos that highlight the scenery and really bring the experiences you had to life. Do not forget to send captions, explaining what the photos represent. Ideally, these feature stories should be 1,000-2,500 words in length, and written in Word. When writing your story, try to stay away from clichés such as, "I couldn't believe my luck when I got the call that I had drawn my once-in-a-lifetime sheep tag..." Delve deep and truly show what the hunt represented to you. Also, titles should show the real essence of this hunt, we receive many stories titled as, "The Mountain Top Ram," or "The Hard Luck Ram," etc. Do not worry too much about proper grammar or spelling, our editor will take care of that, but please format the story correctly using paragraphs. All features should be written in the past tense. Also, please include the full name of the species hunted and the geographical location (e.g. Stone's sheep in British Columbia).

### **Hunting Trip Reports**

Our second form of story that we are looking for is the hunting trip report, which will be featured in the new "Adventure Profiles" section. These very short stories should be kept under 300 words. High quality trophy photos are an essential component of these reports. Once again, please submit them as a Word document. Please include the full name of the species hunted, geographical location, and which outfitter (if any) was used.

## **Member Trophy Photos**

Our third and final submission, also to be featured in the new “Adventure Profiles” section, comes in the form of a simple trophy photo. These photos should be of high quality and taste. Please include the full name of the species hunted, geographical location, and which outfitter (if any) was used.

## **Photo Requirements**

Quality trophy photos are an absolute must. The trophy must be presented in a respectful manner. When setting up for the photo, remember to remove obstructions, hide tongues and wipe away some of the excess blood. Always keep shadows and lighting in mind, so we can clearly see the trophy and the hunter’s face. Digital photos are preferred and should be set for the highest resolution, quality, and size. Try to keep photos 1 MB or larger and as JPG or TIF files. Due to the size of some photos it might not always be possible to email them. If this is the case, please burn them on a CD and simply mail them to our offices. Original prints can also be used. However, computer print-offs cannot be accepted due to the poor scanning quality. Also, caped out heads, skulls, or photos not taken in the field of the animal harvested, will not be accepted.

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We prefer for all hunting feature stories and hunting trip reports to be emailed to us, followed up by a mailed CD containing both the story/report and all photo materials. Low resolution photos can also be emailed for quick approval, but cannot be used in the magazine itself. Please include your full name and contact information (incl. phone number and email address). Should you wish your materials returned to you, please include a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE).

Please send all submissions to:

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