



WSF's 2014 Thinhorn Sheep Summit Action Plan Update
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“NO CONTACT IN THE NORTH”

Legislation is part of the solution

Actions/Strategies:

- Summer is a difficult time to get folks together to work on wildlife issues, since summer is so short in the North. This important issue facing thinhorn sheep conservation is no exception, as folks have been difficult to reach and/or meet with.
- As we move into autumn, we will re-engage our thinhorn sheep working group in a bigger way.
- We will capitalize on Dan Reynold's stellar work to advance the important Resolution signed by Yukon's Renewable Resource Councils in May 2015. We will track and share results of the RRC Resolution as it has moved through the Yukon system, and we will encourage other jurisdictions to act together so that a clear message for thinhorn sheep conservation rings loud and clear, across jurisdictional lines. We simply cannot afford to allow the inevitable risk of disease to be spread from domestic sheep/goats to thinhorn sheep without acting now. In many jurisdictions, there are existing regulatory mechanisms to limit and exclude domestic sheep/goats from high risk areas on and near wild sheep range. Our program will continue to push to enable and implement similar regulations in thinhorn sheep range.

Jurisdictional Updates:

- We will continue to coordinate among identified points of contact in northern BC, Alaska, Yukon, and NWT, to provide jurisdictional updates on development of regulatory framework(s) to protect wild sheep.

Actions to Implement:

- We will continue to provide monthly updates that provide details on the strategic step-wise actions we are taking across thinhorn range to protect Dall's and Stone's sheep from the devastating diseases that have been so catastrophic to bighorn sheep in the South.