MISSION STATEMENT

VISION
Our desired future state
To be the best managed, most respected and most influential conservation organization in the world, for the benefit of 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

Respect
CARTER RIEKS
Fiscal year 2020-21 presented unprecedented challenges in organizational management. A sudden shift to remote working and a cancellation of all in-person meetings and fund-raising events had a detrimental impact on many non-profit organizations and businesses. However, due to the creativity, flexibility and dedication of the staff, board, and members, the foundation not only survived a full year of a global pandemic but did so without losing sight of or compromising its Vision – “To be the best managed, most respected and most influential conservation organization in the world, for the benefit of wild sheep worldwide.”

At the end of the first quarter, we were convinced that a virtual convention was likely the only option and by the end of the second quarter planning for Sheep Week®, The Experience was well underway and scheduled for January 10 – 15, 2021. To say the convention was a success is an understatement. Nine previous permit records fell and two more matched their previous records. These eleven state or tribal permits alone raised over $2 million of the $4,488,500 raised in three evening auctions from conservation permits. Despite a global pandemic the virtual convention netted 82% of our previous record convention revenue.

The addition to record permit sales the virtual convention also resulted in a significant membership bump. Our Sheep Week® regulars attended and members who had never been to the in-person convention were able to experience some of what the Sheep Show was all about. The virtual show also attracted new members by providing a low cost, high value introduction to the Wild Sheep Foundation. At the end of quarter three, membership numbers were well over 9,000. An irresistible membership drive and hard work, led to the Membership Committee meeting its goal of 10,000 members by June 30.

Throughout this pandemic year the Foundation never forgot its core purpose: “to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain.” The agencies that manage wild sheep continued their conservation work for sheep despite masks and social distancing. The foundation’s Grant In Aid program approved 30 project requests and provided $709,535 in funding.

This past year promised to be one of immense uncertainty as we waded into the depths of a world event last experienced 100 years ago. However, we did so with the confidence that the WSF family had the vision and ingenuity, to survive the economic impact of the pandemic. With an unfailing belief that if “we built it, they would come” staff pushed forward with Sheep Week®, the Experience, and WSF not only survived but thrived. Our fiscal success as always is due to the ongoing support of our members and their commitment to wild sheep remaining in wild places.

Please remain safe and never lose sight of that ram, ewe, or lamb on the ridge.

Respectfully, 

Peregrine L. Wolff, DVM
Chair, Board of Directors

Fellow Members,

we began the recent July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year in a state of uncertainty. Yet, as reported in our prior Annual Report we took the difficulties and uncertainties head on and used them to challenges our staff, our board, and our organization to “Rethink & Retool” every aspect of the Wild Sheep Foundation’s businesses and programs.

In the summer of 2007 when meeting with WSF leadership and discussing the possibility of joining the Foundation as President and CEO May 1, 2008, I warned that our industry model of dependence on an annual convention for the majority of our funding was a tired but enjoyable model yet posed serious risks. An annual “bake sale” represents a single point of failure for not only WSF but all our industry partners. This past year demonstrated that risk and vulnerability.

As we rebuilt WSF and the Sheep Show® convention more than a decade ago during 2009 through 2012 we also launched the “Ensuring the Future of Wild Sheep” (ETFOWS) development campaign with a long-term objective to endow WSF much like universities so we were 1) not soley dependent on an annual fundraiser and 2) add another funding source to direct to our Mission and our Purpose to “Put and Keep Wild Sheep on the Mountain®.”

The continuing pandemic which was hoped to be “15 days to flatten the curve” is now in its fifteenth month. However, due to our efforts to “rethink and retool,” our early and industry leading pivot in the summer of 2020 to move towards a fully immersive and virtual 2021 convention, our efforts to diversify WSF’s funding models such as ETFOWS, and the exceptional support of an unmatched membership, WSF has not only weathered these trying times but in many ways has thrived during it.

Our virtual “Sheep Week – The Experience” online convention led the industry in virtual engagement and netted WSF 83% of our pre-pandemic and historical record 2020 convention net.

Through innovative programs and campaigns, we grew WSF’s membership an astonishingly 23% during the fiscal year and for the first time in our 44-year history we now exceed 10,000 members.

Most important, we set a goal this past year that while we would tighten our belts the wild sheep resource would not take a financial hit. While our overall Mission Program Funding (wild sheep conservation, habitat, advocacy, education, and industry support funding) of $6,169,446 decreased $77,964 from the previous non pandemic fiscal year of $6,247,410, WSF achieved our goal and increased funding to wild sheep conservation and habitat programs by more than $386,054 during the pandemic year – an 8% increase!

Due to belt tightening and sound fiscal management WSF’s financial position is strong and we are poised to emerge from this global virus scourge better equipped for the future.

The pandemic challenged all of us. We met the challenge and look forward to a more certain and brighter 2021-22 fiscal year!

Gray N. Thornton
President & CEO
FISCAL YEAR 2020-21
MISSION PROGRAM FUNDING
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

$6,169,446

State, Provincial & Tribal Agency
Conservation funding - $4,110,600

Education, Advocacy & Other - $861,719

Industry Support - $184,599

Habitat, Restoration, Separation,
Transplants, Management Plans & Research - $696,935

International Conservation - $315,593
### STATE, PROVINCIAL & TRIBAL AGENCY CONSERVATION FUNDING

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

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10 YEAR FUNDING $49.7M
66 MILLION
WILDSHEEP CAPTURE/ COLLARING/TRANSPLANTS/ RESTORATION

With partner funding from Cabela’s Outdoor Fund and WSF Midwest, and with close partnership with Montana Wild Sheep Foundation, WSF helped Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks implement two bighorn sheep restoration projects, in the Little Belt and Tendoy Mountains, the first Montana bighorn transplants in nearly 20 years. WSF helped fund restoration of bighorn sheep on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal lands in Nevada, and helped fund desert bighorn radio-collaring on the Navajo Nation in Arizona. WSF also provided funding to radio-collar study animals in the northernmost Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep population, located along the British Columbia/Alberta border.

LAMB SURVIVAL/RECRUITMENT

WSF continued our long-term funding support for Nebraska and South Dakota to continue their analyses of reproductive success, lamb recruitment, and cause-specific mortality of lambs; critically-needed collaborative funding was again obtained from the Howe Foundation.

MEXICO WILD SHEEP INITIATIVE

WSF’s Mexico Council for the Sustainability of Desert Bighorn Sheep continues to play a vital role in wild sheep conservation in Mexico. An important 14-minute film detailing the history, conservation efforts of private landowners, the importance of sustainable harvest, and the significant benefits of desert bighorn sheep to the country, economy, and the people of Mexico was finalized/circulated in both Spanish and English versions. WSF funded a trap-and-transplant release to free range of another 50 desert bighorn sheep into the mountains of Sonora.
MOVI TRANSMISSION FROM AOUADAD TO DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Collaborating with the Texas Bighorn Society, the Howe Foundation, Houston Safari Club Foundation, WSF Midwest Chapter, and Eastern Chapter WSF, the Wild Sheep Foundation continued funding a ground-breaking project in Texas examining respiratory pathogen loads of aoudad (Barbary sheep) and possible pathogen transmission from aoudad to desert bighorn sheep. Preliminary results indicate that aoudad harbor many of the same bacteria that cause respiratory distress/pneumonia in bighorns; these results will have significant implications for future management of both desert bighorn sheep and aoudad, in several southwestern states, as well as in northern Mexico.

DOMESTIC SHEEP/WILD SHEEP SEPARATION/ADVOCACY

With continued support from Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife, WSF finalized a National Wildlife Federation-led conversion from domestic sheep to cattle grazing on BLM land in southeastern Idaho, including cessation of domestic sheep grazing on associated private lands. WSF provided funding and served as a funding conduit for multiple agency/organizational partners to update and improve the “Risk of Contact” model used by federal land-management and state/provincial wildlife agencies in the western U.S. and western Canada.

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT/CONSERVATION EASEMENT

With partner dollars from Cabela’s Outdoor Fund and WSF Midwest, WSF organized, conducted, and led a volunteer “work weekend” conifer/brush removal project in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Cabela’s Outdoor Fund also helped WSF fund survey/inventory/mapping/reconnaissance in advance of prescribed burns to benefit Stone’s sheep habitat in northeastern British Columbia. WSF, together with Montana WSF, helped fund a ~4,400-acre perpetual conservation easement in the Missouri Breaks of north-central Montana.
CENTRAL ASIA CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (CACI)

Despite COVID-19 restrictions and difficulties in overseas travel for personnel, wild sheep and goat hunters, and others involved with the CACI, WSF continued to build conservation programs including MOUs directing funds from the sale of conservation permits in Tajikistan and Mongolia. Work continued on building productive relationships with the USFWS permitting and scientific authorities for the purpose of building sustainable-use conservation programs for Caprinae species, worldwide. Working with Cornell University, WSF helped fund comprehensive wild ungulate health surveillance in Central Asia. WSF Conservation Staff contributed significantly to IUCN species assessments for North American wild sheep, providing valuable data and input into IUCN’s process that impact CITES regulatory decisions.

EVALUATION OF HUMAN DISTURBANCE OF WILD SHEEP AND THEIR HABITATS

WSF again helped fund an evaluation of human disturbance/impacts to desert bighorn sheep on the West Slope of Colorado.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE TEST & REMOVAL

WSF, with collaborative funding from the Howe Foundation, the Yantis Family Foundation, and the Outer Circle Wild Bunch, helped to fund 3 disease surveillance/”Test-and-Removal” projects in British Columbia, Sonora, and a tri-state project in Oregon/Idaho/Washington. Unfortunately, respiratory pneumonia remains one of the principal challenges to bighorn sheep restoration, range-wide.

MANAGEMENT RELEVANT GENETICS

WSF funded a project to non-invasively determine genetic diversity and upwardly revise a minimum population estimate for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Teton Range of Wyoming.
FY 2020-21 CONSERVATION SPOTLIGHT

WATER DEVELOPMENT/DELIVERY
WSF funded a guzzler project in collaboration with the Texas Bighorn Society in the mountains of west Texas; partner dollars were provided by Cabela’s Outdoor Fund, and Cabela’s El Paso, TX retail store was able to volunteer their time, efforts, and labor. WSF funded two water well drilling projects in Sonora, bringing much-needed water to desert bighorn sheep and other desert-dwelling wildlife. In the deserts of southern California, WSF funded advanced technology to remotely monitor water levels at existing guzzler projects.

CONSERVATION PARTNERS/EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES
During FY2020-21, WSF was privileged to receive Grant-in-Aid/Project partner funding from many conservation partners. Cabela’s Outdoor Fund, the Howe Foundation, WSF Midwest Chapter, Montana WSF, Yantis Family Foundation, Eastern Chapter WSF, Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife, Houston Safari Club Foundation, Outer Circle Wild Bunch and many other collaborators partnered with WSF on FY2020-21 wild sheep conservation projects.

HORN PLUGS FOR HARVESTED RAMS
WSF spent more than $12,000 to provide horn plugs for rams harvested in more than a dozen states and provinces, as well as in Tajikistan. Tools, training, and support are slowly being expanded as Central Asian countries adopt horn-plugging programs. Proudly, WSF has provided horn plugs for state, tribal, provincial and other jurisdictions, for more than 40 years.
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.

WSF MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL MEMBERS - 5,734
LIFE MEMBERS - 4,355
SUMMIT LIFE MEMBERS - 659

Must be a Life member

TOTAL = 10,089 Members
As an avid hunter, killing a ram has always been a dream of mine. As a guy in my 20’s, sheep hunting isn’t exactly in my budget, which is why I jumped at the chance to join the <1 Club. The <1 Beer Reception is an awesome experience, the energy is electric, and people of all ages attend with one common goal – winning their first sheep hunt!

- Kaden Richards
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.

There is something unique about wild sheep that no other species holds. If you have ever been lucky enough to have been on a hunt, it’s easily understood at that moment. The adventure starts the second you see “successful” on your draw results. It takes you down a path that leads you to the most remote and untouched country your eyes will ever see, and the challenges of the hunt will leave you wiser than when you started. I became a summit life member after a successful sheep hunt. I wanted more of those experiences, I wanted to help. Without Sheep habitat and strong sheep numbers provided by WSF memberships, generations of hunters after me will not be able to share that feeling that only wild sheep can bring.

-Cameron Marcoux – Testimonial
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.29. Since inception, 659 Summit Life Members have joined through June 30, 2021.

FY 2020-21 NEW SUMMIT LIFE MEMBERS

Timothy Beach  
John M. Bedlion  
Jake Benson  
Adam Bronson  
Frank Cain  
Daniel C. Clark  
Don Colter  
Caleb Curtis  
Marvin Davis  
Bill Day  
Bret Dolph  
Terry Dupont  
Rob Durrett  
Sean Eckert  
Wesley Fann  
Sandra Fields  
Patrick Fitzmorris

John Frazier, III  
Michael Geraty  
Anthony Gigliotti  
Paul Greene  
Robert Hall  
Charles Hartford  
Dennis Henderson  
Wayne Henderson  
Brian Hill  
Keith Hite  
Patricia Holloway  
Scott Homrich  
Tess Hurley  
Brian Ingles  
Gay Johns  
Sam Johnsen  
Breck Johnson

Theron Johnson  
Charlie Kelly  
Kristopher Knauss  
Michael Mack  
Robert Martin, Jr  
Roger McCosker  
Greg McGill  
Jerrold Meissner  
Carl Neilson  
Tim Neugebauer  
Chris Peccia  
Brian Pelczar  
Todd Peterson  
William Pettett  
Thomas Pizziño  
Steven Quisenberry  
Jake Reed  
Brad Roe  
Jon Roth  
Geoff Rowley  
Steven Sadowski  
Adam Smith  
Gary Sorensen  
Adam Starr  
Ryan Steptoe  
J.T. "Skip" Tubbs  
Reuben Valles  
Jose Antonio Vallina  
Bob Van De Rostyne  
Butch Van Leuven  
Scott Van Winkle  
David Williams  
Colby Wilson

Note: Summit Life Members joining after June 30, 2021 are recognized in the Wild Sheep® magazine and website and will be listed in the FY 2021 - 22 Annual Report.
During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Ensuring the Future of Wild Sheep (ETFOWS) campaign recorded $950,000 in new 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 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 2020-2021 fiscal year the Marco Polo Society welcomed 1 new member bringing the total number of MPS members to 69.

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 2020-2021 fiscal year the Chadwick Ram Society brought in $350,000 in new pledges and an increase in the total number of CRS members to 363.
WSF SALUTES OUR MARCO POLO SOCIETY® MEMBERS TO DATE - Alphabetical Order

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

*Indicates New Marco Polo Society members during FY - 2020-21
Note: Marco Polo Society Members joining after June 30, 2021 are recognized in the Wild Sheep® magazine and website and will be listed in the FY 2021-22 Annual Report.
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

**PLATINUM - $50,000**
*Lee Anderson (FL)*
Anonymous
*Anonymous*
*Kenneth L. Barr (CA)*
Bryan & Barbara Bartlett (NM)
Bob & Steve Brocchini (CA)
Ron & Billi Carey (AB)
David Cosco (YT)
Tom Foss (AB)
Kevin Gilbert (MT)
Mike & Dianna Goodart (CO)
Eyon D & Jack H Keck Foundation (WI)
Kevin & Eileen Kehoe (AK)
Roger Kenner (ND)
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
*Mike Borel (CA)*
*Tony Caligiuri (IA)*
Wesley Curry (ID)
*Scott DeMars (MT)*
Tyrel Dutcher (TX)
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)
Butch Whiting (ID)

Chadwick Ram Society members joining after June 30, 2021 will appear in the FY 2021-2022 Annual Report. You can see those new members highlighted on our website and in our magazine.
SILVER - $10,000
Anonymous
Anonymous
Ryan Andrews (PA)
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)
James & Leann Craig (IN)
Richard Crawford (MI)
Larry Diehl (VA)
Dennis Dunn (ID)
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)
Karen Gordon (AK)
Robert & Arlene Hanson (AZ)
Zach & Amber Higgins (ID)
Daniel Hinz (WY)
Denise Hoffman (CO)
Stewart N. Isley (MI)
Larry Jacobs (OR)
Brett Jefferson (NV)
Jonathan Jencks (VA)
Kenetrek (MT)
Kyle Krause (TX)
Will Lee (AK)
Peter Licata (NV)
Tom Lang (FL)
Garrett & Jana Long (MT)
Shane Mahoney (NL)
Donald Martin (CA)
Larry & JoAnne McGovern (MT)
Terry & Mary Mick (MN)
Bo & Jerrin Morgan (AZ)
Pete & Bobbie Mowbray (VA)
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)
Ron Raboud (FL)
Ed Rasmuson (AK)
Aaron Rees (WA)
Dr. Allan Reishus (CO)
Mason Rogers (TX)
Richard B. Schilhab (TX)
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)
*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)
*Calvin Burns (CO)
Paul Carter (MA)
Julie Chapman (IN)
Kevin Cheng & Hana Yang (CA)
James Cooney (AK)
Paul Donaldson (MT)
Toni Durrance (FL)
Jim Fitzgerald (CA)
Tom & LeAnna Fischer (ID)
Mark Fritz (MN)
Jeff Furstenau (MN)
Jeff Geiger (OH)
Tom Grimes (MT)
Tyson Hale (TX)
*Justin Hallock (CA)
*Brian & Susan Ham (AZ)
David & Kathy Harrison (CA)
Dave Hislop (AB)
Stacey & Dorcy Hunt (WA)
Kyle Hurley (ID)
Adam Janke (BC)
Glenn & Ann Kennedy (TX)
*Bob Kenner (WA)
Chris Klineburger & Grace Mathis-Klineburger (NV)
Ted Kruzan (IA)
Glen Landrus (WA)
John Link (WI)
Mitchel Lopez (NJ)
*Jim Manley (OR)
Martin Marietta (NC)
Matthew & Traci Martin (MT)
Alan & Kathy McGraw (TX)
Randi & Kim Newberg (MT)
Doug & Lu Ochsner (MT)
Steve Opat (AK)
Jeffrey Perez (NJ)
Greg Pope (WY)
Gary Raba (TX)
Stuart “Cam” Rader (AK)
*Thomas Rea (CO)
Anthony Reviglio (NV)
Greg & Katy Schildwachter (MD)
Tim & Roxanne Shinabarger (MT)
*Barrett Sims (TN)
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)
Justin Wise (OR)
Gail D. Zimmerman (WY)
CHADWICK RAM SOCIETY®  (continued)

COPPER - $2,500
*Adam Adams (TX)
Anonymous
Grant Adkisson (CO)
Dan Adler/Diamond Z Outfitters of AZ
Rob & Cheryl Arnaud (MT)
*Myles Astle (NT)
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 R. Blocker III (TX)
Aaron Bloomquist (AK)
In Memory of Adeline Bloomquist (AK)
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)
William N. Cullins (AZ)
Graham & Paige Culver (MT)
Kevin Dana (AK)
*George Davis (OH)
Alan Day (OR)
Ryan DeBonis (AK)
Brown & Kelli Delozier (TX)
Matt Deluca (AK)
Brett & Haley Evens (AK)
Terry Dieren Family (IA)
Chipper Dippel (TX)
Cyril & Carol Elsinger (IA)
Dan Evenson (WI)
Dusty & Kiersti Felska (MT)
Darla Fiedeldey (OH)
Brian Fienhold (UT)
Hank Flatow (MT)
Jerome & Michele Garcia (NM)
George Garner (AK)
Becky & Nick Gerritsen (AK)
Matt & Rita Gittlein (AK)
Eric Gould (MT)
Edward K. Grasser (AK)
*David Haakinson (AK)
Patrick Hagers (WY)
Steven Hallenbeck (AK)
John W. Harris (WY)
*Keith Hart (PA)
Marvin Scott Haswell, M.D. (CO)
Raymon Hedges (AK)
Adam & Holly Heier (AB)
Wayne & Diane Henderson (SD)
Jacob Herman (TN)
John Hilton (CA)
Benjamin Hinze (AK)
Marilyn M. Horton (GA)
Shad & April Hulse (UT)
C.J. Hyland (WA)
Cory & Becky Jackson (AK)
James “Jay” Johnson (FL)
Ryan Johnson (AK)
Four Seasons Safaris New Zealand
- Shane Johnston (NZ)
Charles & Hannah Kahahawai (AK)
Peter Kehoe (AK)
*Andrew Kelly (MT)
Charlie Kelly (AZ)
*Nicholas B. M. Kemp, Jr (PA)
Zachary Kenner (AK)
*Kyle Kidwell (AK)
Bill Kiefer (ND)
Kris & Jill Killorn (MT)
*Dallas King (Alb.)
*Kurt Kobus (WY)
*Patrick Lais (AK)
Ben Lamb (MT)
Richard Lewallen (MT)
James Lewis (AK)
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)
Jim & Ashley McEnroe (MT)
*Garrett McKee (AK)
Herb Meyr (ID)
Chuck Middleton (ID)
*Davy Mize (LA)
David L. Mode (GA)
Charles Monson (ND)
*Kasey Moore-Ritchie (AK)
Janner T. Morgan (AK)
Nicholas Muche (AK)
Zachary Mulford (WY)
G. Latham Myers, II (WYV)
Craig & Laureen Nakamoto (IA)
Robert Naugle (CA)
Rick & Andi Negrini (MN)
*Hans Neidig (AK)
Elliot Niemi (AK)
Chase Oswald (BC)
Michael Parker (TX)
*Travis Parks (FL)
*Chris Peccia (MT)
John M. Pistorich (CA)
Matt Pistorich (CA)
*James Petersen (IL)
William Pettett (CO)
Bob & J.P. Puette (NV)
Mahting Putelis - Hunt to Eat (CO)
James A. Rabenberg (IA)
Trevin Reed (MO)
Brian Rhead (ID)
*Bryan Richards (AK)
David M. Richards (MT)
Chad Riedel (AK)
Zachery Rinker (AK)
Leff Robbins (AL)
*Brad Roe (MT)
Cody & Shea Rutter (AK)
Jacob Ryg (MN)
David & Adrienne Sams (TX)
Larry L. Sayers (NV)
Tim & Lillian Schommer (ID)
Wayne & Marcia Schottler (MT)
Paul Schultzis (CA)
*Mike Shults (CA)
Chris & Aslihn Schultz (AK)
Rebecca Schwance (AK)
Jeff Schweighart (WY)
Jason Sheridan (LA)
Larry Sidaway (MD)
Jesse Simonson (HI)
Rush Simpson (AR)
Neal H. Skinner (AZ)
Travis Skogstad (AK)
Cory Smith (ND)
Victor Smith Jr. & Danielle Jackson (CA)
Samuel Sowards (TX)
Paul Sphyalski (MN)
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 (OR)
Michaela Walser (MT)
Allan Watson (WY)
*James Watson (WY)
Keith Ward (ID)
Dana & Kurt Ward (ID)
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, 2021
LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS JOINING DURING FY 2020-21 ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

Lee & Penny Anderson (FL)  Buddy DuVall  Lanny Rominger
Anonymous  Tom Grimes  Louis & Pauline Rupp
Anonymous  Eric & Sue Hansen  Roger Segebrecht
Jack, Jr. & Cindy Atcheson  Robert & Arlene Hanson  Tim & Roxane Shinabarger
Derek W.O. Berry  John & Mary Ann Justus  Jim Travis
Mike Borel  Roger McCosker  Tim & Ruth Van Der Weide
Cabela’s Outdoor Fund  Kyle & Joanne Meinzer  The Estate of Robert B. Johnson
Dr. Robert & Cynthia Cassell  Chuck Middleton  The William H. Donner Foundation, Inc.
Rick & Heather Carasone  David Mode  SCI Foundation - Hunter Legacy Fund (HLF-100)
Monty & Becky Davis  Brad R. Plaga  Curt & Marcia Thompson
Howard & Mary Deters  Robert & J.P. Puette  Gray N. Thornton
Doug & Patty Dreeszen  Kevin & Janine Rinke

*New Legacy Society Members for FY - 2020-21
Note: Legacy Society Members joining after June 30, 2021
are recognized in the Wild Sheep® magazine
and website and will be listed in the FY 2021-22 Annual Report.
Wild sheep conservation received a critical boost in advocacy and funding with the first part of the Wild Sheep Foundation’s total immersion virtual hunting and conservation expo, Sheep Week®, The Experience.

The grand finale banquet and auction wrapped up this past Saturday evening, but the virtual exposition will remain online and accessible to attendees and exhibitors until February 16. The Foundation’s annual convention was re-built into a virtual event because of the restrictions placed on large public gatherings.

“There are many reasons why we went virtual instead of canceling,” said Gray N. Thornton, president and CEO of the Wild Sheep Foundation. “Most of all, we have an obligation to the wild sheep resources in North American and globally to keep the momentum of species population growth and health we have been able to achieve in the past two decades going strong.”

The event annually helps raise millions of dollars for wild sheep conservation and habitat enhancement projects, which the Foundation directs to wildlife agencies and others doing this work.

“In my 30 plus years of building, hosting, and attending hunting and outdoor expos, I’ve never seen anything like this,” Thornton explained. “Honesty, a week before making the platform live, we were just hoping for the best. Then it just blew up with exhibitors wanting to get their booths built and thousands of attendees registering as fast as we could process their information.”

Once logged into the platform, attendees are treated to five virtual exhibit halls with nearly 200 v-booths exhibiting everything from hunting adventures to sporting art, the latest gear and equipment, and opportunities to support other organizations’ conservation efforts. This included WSF chapters and affiliates and state, provincial, tribal, and territorial wildlife agencies, both in North America and internationally. Attendees could also live chat with each other in the Bighorn chat lounge, and now until Feb.16, direct message with exhibitors.

“There were many ways to measure success,” Thornton concluded. “Money raised for wild sheep being the most important, and we’re crunching all those numbers now. Next to funding for me are the positive comments and conversations going on in the chat rooms. So many to choose from, but here are a few that hit home.”

“WSF is leading the way during this most difficult time. ‘The Experience’ is legit.”

“Thank you, WSF staff, all the behind the scenes people, and every single Wild Sheep contributor for making this virtual ‘Experience’ a reality. I’ve never been more proud to call myself a Sheep and Mountain Hunter and member of the Wild Sheep Family.” – Brian Spizig, senior guide, Yukon Stone Outfitters.

“I’ve done more business at Sheep Week than I’ve done at any show ever! Thank you WSF. - Chris Cammack, Prairie Mountain Interiors.
The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) recently concluded its 44th convention and conservation expo, Sheep Week® The Experience. Although the annual event was completely virtual, record amounts were raised for wild sheep conservation.

At this past week’s virtual expo, nine permits were sold for record amounts, and two other permits saw bids that tied their previous records. From these eleven permits alone, over $2 million was raised from sportsmen to restore and enhance wild sheep populations in North America.

WSF is entrusted by state, provincial, territorial, and tribal wildlife agencies to auction their coveted conservation permits, primarily for wild sheep.

“This was another big year for wild sheep,” said Gray N. Thornton, president and CEO of the Wild Sheep Foundation. “The fact that we could not auction these permits in person and yet break nine records is truly a testament to the passion and generosity of the Wild Sheep Family.”

In all, an astounding $4,488,500 was raised in three evening auctions from conservation permits. Depending on the permit, eighty-five to one hundred percent of these funds are directed to these fish and wildlife agencies for wild sheep conservation, management, and enhancement programs. The balance that WSF retains is also directed to wild sheep and habitat conservation through its mission programs. Agencies depend on these funds and the Wild Sheep Foundation to raise them.

According to the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, 74% of all agency wild sheep conservation funding comes from an auction or raffle conservation permit.

“WSF is privileged to be able to market and sell these special permits,” Thornton explained. “No one else, no other group other than sportsmen, are putting this kind of money into wild sheep conservation. Wild sheep would simply not exist in the numbers they are today without this specialized economy built for their benefit that puts and keeps them on the mountain.

In the world of wildlife conservation focused on a specific species, the generosity of sheep hunters is unmatched.”

A conservation sheep permit entitles the successful bidder the opportunity to hunt for one sheep without the need to apply and hope to draw a limited number of tags. Of the estimated 85,000 bighorn sheep and 100,000 thinhorn sheep in existence today in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico, all tags issued annually by agencies represent a harvest of only 1-3 percent of the total wild sheep population if hunters are 100% successful.

THE NEW RECORDS AND TWO TIES INCLUDE:

- $200,000 • Taos Pueblo Rocky Mountain Gorge Hunt ($180,000 in 2020)
- $120,000 • for the Wyoming Rocky Mountain bighorn ($110,000 in 2020)
- $310,000 • Idaho Rocky Mountain bighorn ($175,000)
- $240,000 • New Mexico bighorn ($175,000 in 2020)
- $210,000 • Nebraska Rocky Mountain bighorn ($130,000 in 2015)
- $180,000 • Colorado Mountain bighorn ($140,000 in 2020)
- $200,000 • Washington California bighorn ($155,000 in 2020)
- $27,500 • Nevada pronghorn ($8,250 in 1995)
- $35,000 • Wyoming Governor’s bison (First year WSF auctioned)
- $275,000 • British Columbia mountain sheep ($275,000 in 2013)
- $210,000 • Oregon Rocky Mountain bighorn ($210,000 in 2019)

OTHER SHEEP WEEK® AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- $440,000 • Montana bighorn
- $165,000 • Nevada - Nelson Desert bighorn sheep
- $255,000 • New Mexico Big Game Enhancement Package
- $195,000 • Alberta Minister’s Rocky Mountain bighorn
- $193,000 • New Mexico Desert bighorn
- $315,000 • Arizona Desert bighorn
- $175,000 • Alaska Chugach Dall’s Sheep
- $165,000 • Taos Pueblo - Rocky Mountain bighorn
Year after year the Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience had grown, over the past nine years. Just as the Wild Sheep Foundation was to celebrate its tenth year, the Covid-19 Pandemic swept in to create challenges in holding its tenth event. Not all was lost though, as the normal hands-on learning experience adapted for the time to be a fully digital learning experience.

The goal of the Y.W.C.E is to create an atmosphere where youth of all ages can participate in experiential learning to understand conservation, be inspired about the outdoors, and have fun learning. In normal years of Sheep Show, the Thursday and Friday have school groups bused to the event for an all-day experience. A feature presentation introduces them to wild sheep and the many adaptations they use to survive. Students learn about the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and how it applies to the conservation efforts the Wild Sheep Foundation is involved in. Next, three sessions of outdoor careers takes places, where students select one of three seminars each session to attend. These twenty-minute long seminars introduce them to careers they might not have even known exist. During lunch, a keynote presentation takes place, led by the undergraduate and graduate scholarship winners who received the Life Membership Fund Scholarship. They give a college student’s perspective on wildlife management and offer advice on how to move in this direction, beginning now. Finally, hands-on learning stations open up for the last few hours, where participants rotate on their own through a variety of stations that introduce them or help perfect their current knowledge on a variety of outdoor hobbies and interests, as well as conservation.

Due to Covid, the above normal YWCE was adapted to provide as much of a normal experience as possible, without actually all being at the same location. In the end, ninety-two different classrooms/homeschool groups registered to participate in the “Digital Y.W.C.E.” from 15 different states and British Columbia. This amounted to 1,696 youth all tuning in through Zoom. The day began with a keynote on wildlife conservation and wild sheep. As the live presentation occurred, experts fielded questions sent in from individual students. Outdoor career seminar presentations followed in the same manner. However, students had the choice of attending one of three presentations which occurred simultaneously. A total of three sessions took place. Experts around the country were able to present, including: Keystone Elk Country Alliance, Boone and Crocket Club, Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Nevada Department of Wildlife, National Wild Turkey Federation, and more.

Next, our two Life Member Fund Scholarship winners each presented a session on majoring in wildlife management and participants selected which of the two to attend. The end of the digital experience took youth to different locations to learn about outdoor skills, including a live metal detecting event in the middle of Nevada.

Although the same experiential learning wasn’t quite possible being digital, we adapted well and the event had high positive praise with many teachers requesting to attend digitally in the future, as most were from locations were it would be impossible to attend an in-person Y.W.C.E.

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. WSF is proud to see this program flourishing.
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 ninth year, the program has impacted 80,466 kids and 511 events since it began in 2012. Including the national Youth Wildlife Conservation Experiences, WSF has impacted 91,654 youth with its 521 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 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.

This past year Covid-19 continued to have dramatic impact on the program, with the majority of our normal events cancelled. Focusing on smaller gathering events, and showing up in masks, 51 events were able to be executed which impacted 4,131 youth. WSF is proud of this, considering much of the nation was shut down during this time.
Independent Auditor’s Report

Board of Directors
Wild Sheep Foundation
Bozeman, Montana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wild Sheep Foundation (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes 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.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wild Sheep Foundation as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, 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.

Wipfli LLP

Billings, Montana
May 31, 2022
**Wild Sheep Foundation**

**Statements of Financial Position**

**June 30,**

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<td>Merchandise inventories</td>
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## Wild Sheep Foundation
### Statement of Activities

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<td>Proceeds from annual convention</td>
<td>$7,612,920</td>
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<td>Publication revenue</td>
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<td><strong>Total support and revenue</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Program service expenses:</strong></td>
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<td>Wild sheep conservation and education</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets, end of year</strong></td>
<td>$4,297,911</td>
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For full Financial Audit results please contact WSF Headquarters.
Beginning Balance: $8,824,269 (July 1, 2020)
Endowment Additions: $332,599
Gains: $2,360,175
Less: 4% off-take for Programs ($318,000)*
Less: Investment & other fees ($89,121)
Ending FY Endowment Balance: ($11,109,922) $ (June 30, 2021)

*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 2020-21 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.
### Assets

Current assets:
- Cash and cash equivalents: $1,460,400
- Convention and membership receivables: $184,215
- Merchandise inventories: $80,554
- Prepaid expenses and other assets: $157,766

**TOTAL current assets**: $1,882,766

- Fund and Trust - invested funds: $4,714,996
- Endowment - invested funds: $11,109,672
- Pledges receivable, net of discount: $955,041
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net: $53,894
- Other assets: $12,748

**TOTAL assets**: $18,729,286

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $1,267,949
- Convention deposits and deferred revenue: $176,844

**TOTAL current liabilities**: $1,444,793

Net assets:
- Without donor restriction
  - Undesignated: $795,406
  - Board designated: $3,502,505
  - With donor restriction: $12,986,582

**TOTAL net assets**: $17,284,493

**TOTAL liabilities and net assets**: $18,729,286

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### CONSOLIDATED NET ASSETS OF WSF & WSLF

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[Images of board members with names and titles]

WSLF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

[Images of board members with names and titles]

WSF STAFF

[Images of staff members with names and titles]