



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024





MISSION STATEMENT

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



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ASPIRE



When I was elected to serve a second term as your Chair of the Board of Directors for the Wild Sheep Foundation, I asked the board and staff to focus on the Wild Sheep Foundation Vision. What is our desired future state?

WSF Vision: To be the best managed most respected, influential, and relevant conservation organization benefiting wild sheep worldwide.

I challenged everyone to be intentional about improving and adapting to be better at what we do and how we do it. What do you aspire to do in your role with the Wild Sheep Foundation? As you'll see in this FY 2023-24 report, no one was idle! Thank you, staff, and board for rising to the challenge for the betterment of wild sheep and the Wild Sheep Foundation!

I'd like to reflect on a few specific areas of aspiration:

- **Tell Our Story**—This one is not going away and is so critical! The Wild Sheep Foundation is deeply involved with such a wide range of projects and issues related to our purpose and mission. We must do a better job telling our story, telling our members and our donors what we do each and every day to promulgate our purpose and mission. We can't do it without you, and we owe it to you to keep you informed on our progress.
- **Today Funding**—It has been my goal as Chair to continue to add to our Grant-In-Aid budget every year. As I recall when I first got on the board, the allocation was \$200,000 and for the second year in a row, we will allocate more than \$1.6 million in funding to support wild sheep on the ground! Thank you to our state and provincial partners and to our chapter and affiliates for bringing such great projects to fruition. We rely on your connection to the resource, and it is paying off! Remember, this is just one of many mission funding programs that WSF is committed to but it is the one that impacts wild sheep directly. I want to thank our volunteer Professional Resources Advisory Board for the commitment in evaluating and recommending funding levels with input from conservation staff.

- **Keep Climbing**—As our Marco Polo program sunsetted with the amazing \$1 million auction item at Sheep Show 2024, the obvious need to build something bigger and better for the future was well underway. You'll learn more later in this document about the "Keep Climbing" campaign which will fund our endowment and provide considerable "Today" funding for our mission, but I wanted to take this space to thank Kevin Rinke and Bryan Bartlett plus staff members Gray Thornton and Paige Culver along with WSF board vice-chair Charlie Kelly for their commitment to this project.



At the 2024 Sheep Show, Glen presented the Chair's Award to the Hells Canyon Initiative. Pictured from left: Frances Cassirer (IDFG), Glen Landrus (WSF), Garrett Grant (WA-WSF), Paul Wik (WA DFW), Kevin Martin (OR-SF), Don Whittaker (ODFW), Mike Schlegel (ID-WSF), Hollie Miyasaki (IDFG), and Hannah Cantu (WSF).

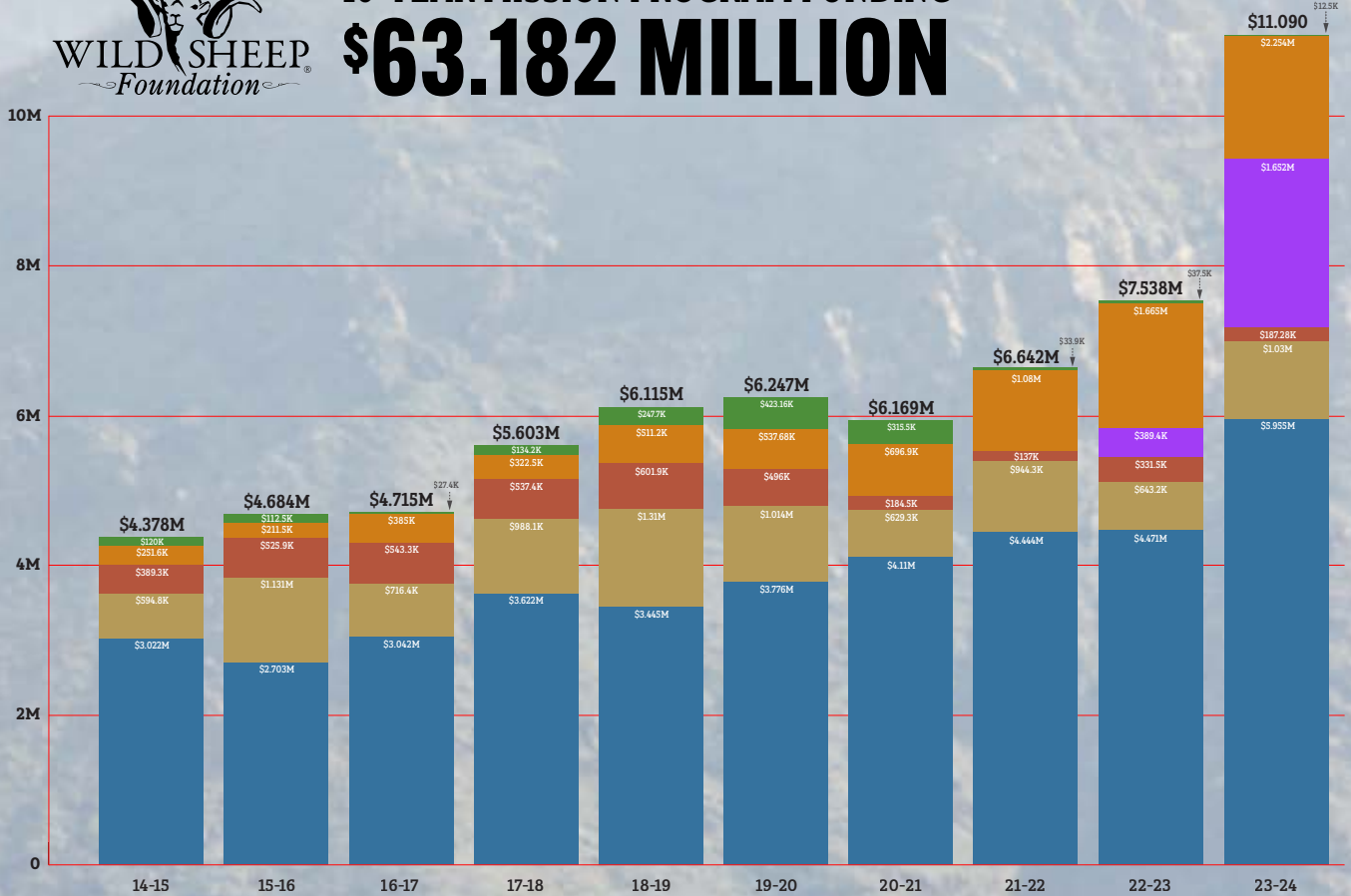
In closing, I am very excited, motivated, and humbled to serve as your Chair of the Board for this next year so thank you to our board for the vote of confidence. We have a board of directors that is highly motivated, engaged, and committed to make sure our conservation and grant model is efficient, effective, and relevant to our purpose and mission. We are continuing to evaluate every aspect of our business model to make sure we are maximizing every dollar donated to ensure the future of wild sheep and your foundation.

Yours in Conservation,
Glen A. Landrus
Chair, WSF



10-YEAR MISSION PROGRAM FUNDING

\$63.182 MILLION



- International Conservation
- Habitat, Restoration, Separation, Transplants, Management Plans & Research
- Dedicated Auctions for Conservation Grant-in-Aid Funding
- Industry Support
- Education, Advocacy & Other
- State, Provincial & Tribal Agency Conservation Funding



LEGACY AT WORK



The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) enjoyed another record year of fundraising, and consequently and more important, dollars directed to our Purpose and Mission. Through the generosity of our membership, Society members, donors, sponsors, and industry partners, WSF directed more than \$11 million to wild sheep restoration, habitat conservation, youth education, advocacy initiatives, and public outreach programs benefiting the wild sheep resource and our hunting and conservation heritage. This bested our previous high of \$7.53 million in Mission Program Funding set the prior fiscal by 47%. An impressive accomplishment and one the wild sheep family can be justifiably proud.

Pages four and six of this annual report show in graphic format the continued growth of dollars to our Mission, more than \$63 million during the past ten years alone, and where those dollars have been directed.

Launched in 2022, our revised focus and process of soliciting larger, bolder, and multi-year legacy Grant-In-Aid (GIA) projects continues to better engage our Chapter and Affiliates who serve as WSF's boots on the ground and point of the spear for conservation action and impact.

During the twelve months of July 2023 to June

2024 WSF funded \$1.6 million to fourteen Grant-In-Aid programs requested through our Chapters and Affiliates. Five of these projects were legacy grants of \$200,000 to nearly \$300,000 benefiting desert bighorn sheep in Texas, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in Colorado, Stone's sheep in British Columbia, and multi-jurisdictional, multi-year projects benefiting bighorn sheep in the Tri-State of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and California bighorn sheep in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. These and other projects, and their impact to the wild sheep resource, will be highlighted

in our second annual *Conservation Impact Summary* curated and distributed to our members in the fall of 2024 and available on our website.

The balance of WSF's fiscal year \$11+ million in Mission Program Funding, included \$2.35 Million directed to advocacy, research, education, and industry support GIA, \$1.25 Million to the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation to help fund wild sheep conservation in perpetuity, as well as a record \$5.9 Million directed to our state, provincial and tribal/First Nation partners through 2024 conservation permit sales.

This is your legacy and your work through your generous support. The Wild Sheep Foundation is only able to accomplish our Purpose *To Put and Keep Wild Sheep*

on the Mountain® because of you, the wild sheep family. Thank you.

Yours in wild sheep and wildlife conservation,
Gray N. Thornton
President & CEO



In March 2024, volunteers installed two fully-functioning guzzlers in Franklin Mountains State Park outside of El Paso, Texas. They will provide water to all wildlife in the area, including desert bighorns scheduled to be translocated in December 2024 as phase two of this multi-year project.

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MISSION PROGRAM FUNDING

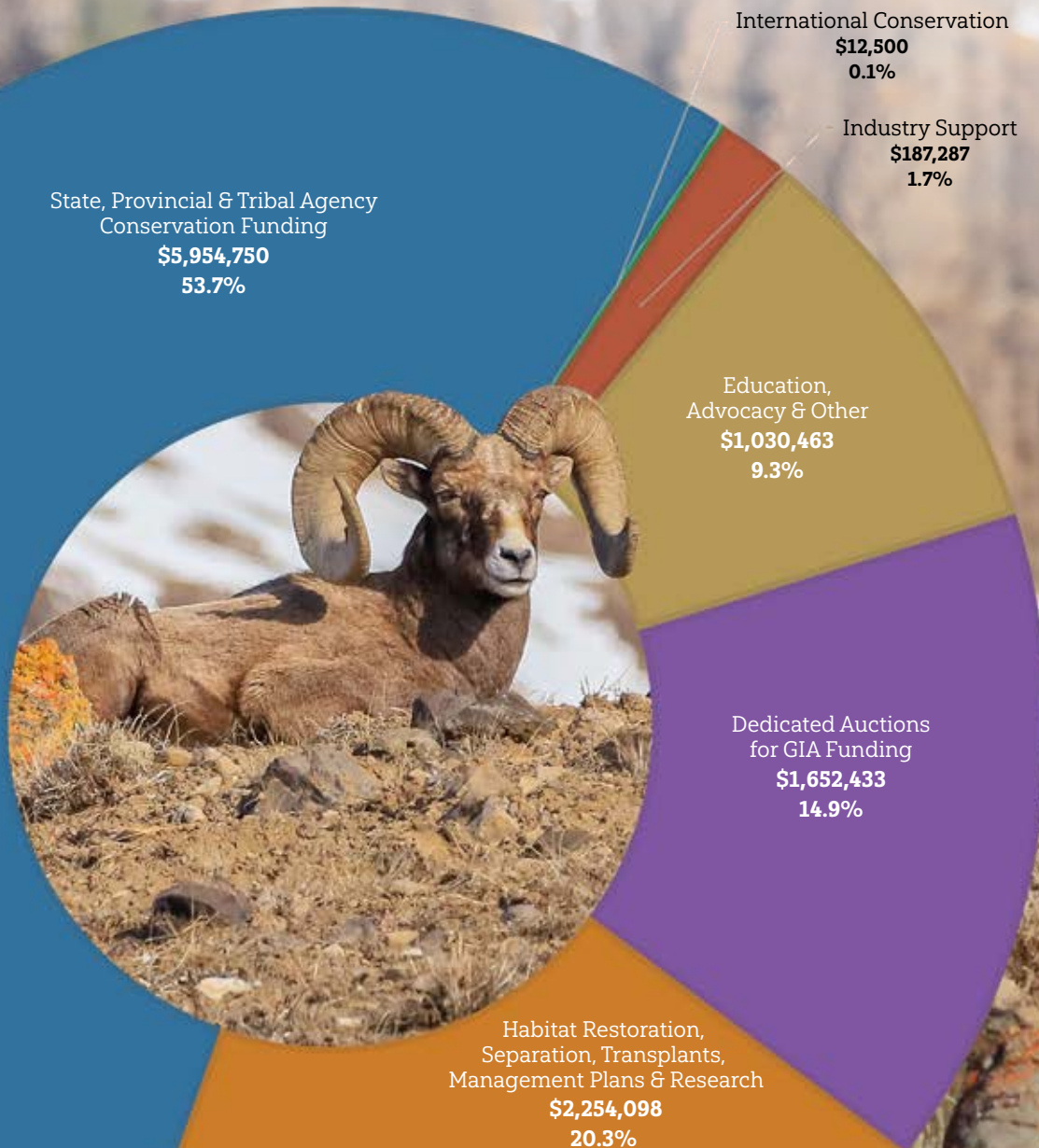
STATE, PROVINCIAL & TRIBAL AGENCIES - SPECIAL PERMITS

Alaska Department of Fish & Game.....	\$235,000
APOS - Alberta Bighorn Tag	\$288,000
Arizona Dept. of Fish & Game/AZ Antelope Foundation	\$520,000
BC Ministry of Water, Lands & Resource Stewardship	\$365,500
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$171,000
Colorado Parks & Wildlife [Bighorn Sheep - RMBS]	\$540,000
Colorado Parks & Wildlife [Mountain Goat - RMGA]	\$42,750
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	\$207,000
Idaho Department of Fish & Game	\$218,500
Mongolia Outfitters Consortium - Altai Argali	\$102,000
Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks	\$342,000
Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife	\$121,500
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	\$119,000

Nevada Department of Wildlife	\$230,000
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish	\$1,048,500
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$434,250
Taos Pueblo Game & Fish Department	\$234,000
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	\$130,500
University of WY Monteith Shop - WGF Commission License	\$33,750
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$243,000
Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition	\$328,500
	\$5,954,750

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

Central Asia Conservation Initiative	\$12,500
	\$12,500



INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA)	\$20,000
Alberta Professional Outfitters Association (APOS)	\$5,000
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)	\$2,000
Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters	\$10,000
Blood Origins	\$5,000
British Columbia Trappers Association	\$2,500
Cody Regional Airport	\$1,000
Congressional Sportsman's Foundation	\$7,500
European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)	\$6,237
Guide/Outfitter Assoc. of BC - Wildlife Stewardship (GOABC)	\$15,000
HuntFish Podcast Summit Spot Stalker Guide Service	\$5,000
International Council of Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)	\$1,285
International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	\$5,862
MSU Bobcat Rodeo Sponsorship	\$1,000
Music City Studio	\$10,000
National Assembly of State Sportsman Caucuses	\$10,000
Northern Nevada SCI	\$5,000
Northwest Guides	\$15,000
Polestar Outdoors	\$1,500
Promotions - Industry Event Support (WHF)	\$14,402
SCI Foundation - Berreta Conservation Leadership	\$7,500
Tahltan Central Government	\$10,000
WAFWA Summer 2023 Meeting	\$1,500
Western Hunt Fest	\$12,500
The Wildlife Society 2023 Annual Conference	\$5,000
Wounded Warrior Outdoors	\$5,000
Wyoming Outfitter & Guide Association	\$2,500
Total	\$187,287

EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

Conservation Contract Consulting & Support	\$256,514
Education/Public Outreach (1Campfire; Who Cares BC?, Conservation Visions)	\$300,000
Educational Films	\$59,802
Women Hunt	\$177,153
WSF Chapters & Affiliates Summit Meeting XVI	\$64,462
WSF Life Member Scholarship	\$16,041
WSF S.H.E.E.P. Youth Education Program	\$52,500
WSF Youth Education Coordinator	\$65,091
WSF/MidwayUSA Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience	\$38,898
Total	\$1,030,463

DEDICATED AUCTIONS FOR CONSERVATION

GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING

Bear Trust International	\$2,400
The Conklin Foundation	\$119,807
Four Daughters Ranch/El Nino Children's Home	\$70,000
Midway USA Foundation	\$7,975
Ruby Mayflower Blake Endowment	\$35,000
Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation	\$116,500
Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation Grant	\$1,250,000
Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia - 2023 Jurassic Classic	\$5,000
Wounded Warriors Outdoors Program Sponsorship	\$45,750
Total	\$1,652,433

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

Chronic Carriers & Bighorn Density Study	\$30,000
Conservation Impact Report	\$6,555
Conservation Revolving Fund - Non-GIA Expenditures	\$12,550
Conservation Visions	\$100,000
Eastern Chapter WSF (for ID-WSF + CA-WSF BHS projects)	\$2,500
Etchart Domestic Sheep Allotment Retirement	\$250,000
Franklin Mountains Desert BHS Restoration	\$282,200
Franklin Mountains Desert BHS Guzzlers	\$20,000
Fraser River BC Test & Remove (Year 6)	\$100,000
Gene Transcription - Assessing Wild Sheep Health Attribute	\$59,819
Horn Plugs	\$9,219
Instrumental Grant-Writing Software	\$1,788
ION Initiative - CA Bighorn Restoration	\$210,000
Kyrgyzstan Harvested Ungulate Disease Surveillance/Diagnostics	\$30,000
"Montana Matters" Youth Experience	\$500
Muddy Mountains Guzzler Project	\$60,000
Nebraska BHS Restoration & Disease Surveillance	\$25,000
Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Council	\$2,500
Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Council (Registration)	\$43,507
Psoroptes Drug Trials	\$51,000
Rocky Crate Chair - WSU	\$50,000
2024 Sheep Show Helicopter Display	\$11,896
Stone's Sheep Body Condition - Influence of Seasonal Nutrition	\$10,762
Spatsizi Provincial Park Stone's Sheep Project	\$336,172
Stafford Ferry Conservation Easement	\$5,000
Town of Vail Bighorn Sheep Initiative	\$83,733
Tri-State Test & Remove Program	\$220,000
Vulcan Mountain Helicopter Logging	\$100,000
Whiskey Basin BHS Restoration	\$68,450
Wind River Reservation Feral Horse Gathering	\$20,000
Working Dogs For Conservation Canine Disease Detection	\$28,750
WSF Professional Resource Advisory Board Travel	\$16,857
Yukon WSF Movi Hunter Test Kits	\$5,335
Total	\$2,254,098

**TOTAL FY 2023-2024
MISSION PROGRAM FUNDING
\$11,091,530**





INSPIRE

Conservation Soared to New Heights at the 2024 Sheep Show

A profound desire to live out the Wild Sheep Foundation's statement of purpose, "to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain," inspired many to push to levels never before reached.

And it impacted every aspect of the show, beginning with attendance. There were 5,105 pre-registered, an average of 1,883 each night in the banquet hall and 15,935 at the expo. Those numbers and enthusiasm reflected mightily in fundraising and participation in the show's events.

Auction Tags

The auction for wild sheep tags is vital in raising dedicated funding for state, provincial, territorial, and tribal wildlife agencies, supporting their wild sheep and big game management programs.

"Amazingly, the number of records keeps getting surpassed yearly," said Gray N. Thornton, WSF president and CEO. "The fact that a handful of individuals stepped up at these levels to put and keep more wild sheep on the mountain for everyone, and one day put more sheep permits into the public draws, is the definition of paying it forward. That's the backbone of conservation."

These funds are also crucial for advancing other key initiatives of the WSF, ensuring the continued conservation and sustainability of wild sheep populations and habitats.

The new records and total amounts raised by WSF from these permits include:

- **OR Bighorn Sheep Tag: \$450,000**
Previous record: \$370,000 in 2023 – \$4,437,500 raised since 1992.
- **BC Mountain Sheep Special Hunting Permit: \$430,000**
Previous record: \$275,000 in 2021 – \$4,249,500 raised since 2000.
- **CO Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep License: \$600,000**
Previous record: \$320,000 in 2023 – \$4,605,500 raised since 2013.
- **NM Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Permit: \$600,000**
Previous record: \$310,000 in 2022 – \$5,292,000 raised since 1990.
- **AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep: \$430,000**
Previous record: \$380,000 in 2016 – \$7,107,000 raised since 1984.
- **WY Game & Fish Commissioner Tag: \$37,500**
Previous record: \$30,000 in 2020 – \$117,750 raised since 2010.

- **CO Rocky Mountain Goat License: \$47,500**
Previous record: \$37,500 in 2022 – \$505,650 raised since 1989.
- **WY Governor's Shiras Moose License: \$90,000**
Previous record: \$67,500 in 2020 – \$903,250 raised since 1987.
- **CA Desert Bighorn Sheep (Open-Zone Tag): \$180,000**
Previous record: \$160,000 in 2023 – \$3,975,000 raised since 1988.
- **TX Desert Bighorn Sheep Permit: \$145,000**
Previous record: \$115,000 in 2021 – \$1,446,500 raised since 1987.
- **NM Big Game Enhancement Package: \$380,000**
Previous record: \$320,000 in 2023 – \$1,810,000 raised since 2012.
- **AK Chugach Dall's Sheep Tag: \$235,000**
Previous record: \$170,000 in 2022 – \$3,543,000 raised since 1989.
- **ID Bighorn Sheep Permit: \$230,000**
Previous record: \$165,000 in 2022 – \$3,291,500 raised since 1988.

Other notable highlights from the Sheep Show® auction permits include:

- **WA California Bighorn Sheep Tag: \$270,000**
Previous record: \$290,000 in 2023 – \$2,755,000 raised since 1984.
- **MT Bighorn Sheep License: \$380,000**
Previous record: \$480,000 in 2013 – \$8,720,000 raised since 1986.
- **NV Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag (tie): \$175,000**
Previous record: \$175,000 in 2020 – \$3,599,000 raised since 1984.
- **Taos Pueblo Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Permit (tie): \$260,000**
Previous record: \$260,000 in 2023 – \$4,273,000 raised since 2006.
- **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources – CA Bighorn Permit: \$230,000**
(First-time permit offered.)
- **AZ Game & Fish Commissioner's Special Pronghorn Tag: \$90,000**
Previous record: \$91,000 in 2020 – \$630,500 raised since 2014.
- **Mongolian Outfitters Consortium – Altai Argali Permit: \$120,000**
(First-time permit offered.)

The funds generated from these sheep permits go directly to vital wild sheep management and enhancement initiatives. These efforts encompass trap and translocation projects to establish or strengthen herds, habitat improvements like water development and controlled burns, and ongoing herd health monitoring, testing,

and research to ensure the sustainability of wild sheep populations.

Thornton acknowledged that some may view this type of conservation funding as contrary to the North American Conservation Model. However, Shane Mahoney, a renowned advocate of the Model, disagrees, emphasizing that the Model encourages states, provinces, and Tribal/First Nations to support wildlife agencies in the most effective ways possible.

"Allowing a few individuals passionate about a wildlife species to fund the majority of an agency's

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BOBBY DURAN
WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST OF
THE TAOS-PUEBLO



Rick Smith, center, with his Taos Pueblo bighorn taken during the 2023 season.

budget for that species with very limited auction and raffle permits is the most effective, keeping pace with the increasing management costs for that species."

A prime example of WSF's tag auction's enormous impact is with the Taos-Pueblo.

"Our area is known for trophy rams. Our average harvested ram is 185, and several records have been set," said Bobby Duran, wildlife biologist of the Taos-Pueblo. "Our partnership with WSF has helped fund our

Department of Natural Resources through auctioning off tags. It has helped us tremendously and is helping us conserve bighorns on our lands."

Durand said that, like most areas, they are dealing with some disease issues, and it's different from large domestic sheep public land allotments. The \$4,273,000 raised through tags since 2006 has funded much of the research and restoration work.

Funds raised through the auction have had similar impacts on agencies and tribes'

conservation interests throughout North America and around the globe.

Kim Nieters, WSF's VP of Operations and Auction Director said bidders are genuine about impacting

conservation. "They know that what they are doing by making these incredible bids is truly helping the cause, which is a huge motivating factor for them. And from my perspective, having been with the organization for many years, it's heartening to see that conservation ethic continually grows."

Youth Conservation Wildlife Experience

As part of WSF's Sheep Show at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, this outreach initiative is impacting thousands of school-aged children through hands-on wildlife educational experiences.

"It's to excite and inspire the next generation of outdoors enthusiasts and wildlife conservationists," said Ryan Brock, PhD, WSF's Youth Education Coordinator. "We're working with public, charter, and home schools to provide their students a unique, fun, and highly educational look at wildlife conservation."

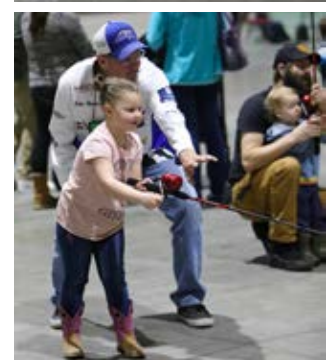
At the 2024 Sheep Show, more than 1,800 students participated, engaging in various activities such as climbing a rock wall, learning about wild sheep identification, and encountering raptors. The National Bighorn Sheep Center (NBSC) brought a large display of skulls, hides, and educational handouts.

"We love being a part of this. Our mission is education and outreach to conserve wild sheep, wildlife, and wildlands. The Sheep Show and the YWCE are great ways to advance that mission, and we're glad to be a part of it," said Executive Director Amanda Verheul.

Seeing the children's reactions to these wildlife educational activities is exciting for everyone involved.

"We love seeing their smiling faces and knowing we're planting seeds for them to get involved in conservation."

One particularly fun activity involved letting kids use a radio telemetry unit to find a collared plush bighorn. Another allowed children to learn bird identification by examining a rare collection of mounted birds.



A key partner in the event is the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), which hosted several activities, including a presentation featuring a Karelian bear dog named Badger, trained to manage problem bears in a non-lethal manner.

"We enjoy doing presentations with Badger, seeing the kids' reactions, and using that opportunity to educate them about wildlife and conservation," said NDOW's Carl Lackey.

In total, the youth component of the Sheep Show made a huge impact:

- 2,754 youth participants
- 13 schools involved
- 33 organizations contributing
- 367 volunteers
- 41 hands-on stations
- 12 outdoor career seminars offered
- 2 keynote speakers per day
- 94,540 square feet of space used

This large-scale effort continues to inspire the next generation of conservationists while promoting an appreciation for wildlife and the outdoors

Ram Awards Luncheon

The WSF Ram Awards highlight high-level hunting achievements ranging from youth awards to FNAWS recognition and international hunting. The 2024 awards luncheon at the Sheep Show highlighted tremendous hunting and impressive conservation efforts.

"The Sheep Show is about conservation first and foremost, and our awards presentation echoes those principles while paying tribute to the old rams that have contributed their genetics to the advancement of their respective species," said Tony Caligiuri, RAM Awards Committee Chairman.

"Sheep are one of the very few game animals that can be aged before being killed. The quest for a high-scoring ram typically coincides with the quest for an old ram. The harvest and subsequent documentation of old rams can provide a baseline that can be used for sheep research in the future.

While the awards are centered on sheep, mountain goats, ibex, chamois, and other Caprinae are also represented, showcasing the finest mountain ungulates harvested by the most dedicated hunters.

Something In The Air

The positives of the 2024 Sheep Show weren't just the breaking of records. There was something in the air.

Maybe it all goes back to the WSF mission statement, "To put and keep wild sheep on the mountain." That's bold.

Nothing about that is accessible from a financial, organizational, or biological perspective. All wild-life restoration efforts require commitment, but sheep

require an intense, Herculean effort.

That intensity propels men and women to go to great lengths to benefit sheep, their habitat, and sheep hunters. We learned of this through touching stories at the banquets, highlighting a powerful force uniting this community.

It's the force that compelled a man to carry his disabled veteran friend up a mountain to harvest his first Dall ram, along with the generosity that brought people together to donate the hunt. And it's the grit for that military hero to push past such a great challenge and still hunt at the very highest level.

It's the tear in the eye of the biologist who surveys lambs in the early summer, sees them coughing and wheezing due to the ravages of Movi, and knows they won't last long.

It's the feeling of our elder brethren who see more and more of their friends on the Last Sheep Camp tribute, yet despite the challenges of age, plan hunts and mentor the young to do the same.

WSF is not just an organization, and the Sheep Show is not just an event. It is a gathering of people united by a cause greater than themselves who are willing to sacrifice time, fortune, and energy to secure the future for the most majestic creatures on the planet.

These incredible animals have faced graver lingering challenges than any North American game animal, yet they persist through disease, drought, harsh winters, and increasing predation.

Their beauty beckons us to pursue them and calls us to a higher place in terms of physical elevation and in our minds.

Many positive things came together to make Sheep Show 2024 one for the record books and for strengthening family ties, forward momentum in conservation, and creating hope for the future.

Full Curl Cinema

Another aspect of the Sheep Show was Full Curl Cinema, which presented a variety of films centered around hunting and conservation. These films aimed to both educate and entertain attendees, highlighting the importance of wildlife conservation through the lens of hunting. The following films and bonus features were presented.

- <i>li>Club Mid-Asian Ibex Hunt - Weatherby Films
- Beyond Bonds: A Women Hunt Story
- Home for the Wild - Vail Bighorn Sheep Initiative
- How Far We've Come - SITKA Films
- Huntervationist - NWT Dall's Hunt Part I & Part II
- In Pursuit - Weatherby Films
- Journey of 1,000 Choices
- Lionheart
- Return to the Rocks - Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation
- Riches of the Ruby Range - Adventure Wild Film
- Roots - Gordon Eastman Film
- Selective
- Transmission
- Wild & Wool

Many of the films offered similar opportunities to meet the cast, directors, and producers, highlighting the creativity prevalent in the world of mountain hunting.



AWE-INSPIRING

Wild Sheep Conservation & Outreach

Few sights are as awe-inspiring as a mature ram standing on a mountain crest. Whether it's a Stone's sheep in the wilderness of British Columbia or a Rocky Mountain bighorn along the scenic skyways of Colorado, these are indeed the apex game animals for mountain hunters.

Through the Wild Sheep Foundation, its chapters, and affiliates, major efforts are underway to help put and keep these mountain monarchs in their rightful places from Montana to Mongolia.

Whether it's translocations on the eastern fringes of their range in Nebraska, research in Central Asia, or creating water catchments across the desert Southwest, great things are happening through WSF.

"The mission of WSF is unwavering, and through the generosity of our members and partners, we are investing in many projects that are helping us not only

conserve wild sheep but understand them better so we can plan for conservation efforts in the future," said Gray N. Thornton, WSF President & CEO.

The following are summaries of 2023-24 Grant-In-Aid Projects. For a deep, investigative look at them read the *Conservation Impact* document.

Franklin Mountains Desert Bighorn Sheep Restoration (Texas): Aims to reintroduce desert bighorn sheep into the Franklin Mountains after nearly 100 years of absence. Key efforts include



water catchment installations, predator monitoring, and translocating healthy desert bighorns to create a disease-free population for future translocations.

Spatsizi Provincial Park Stone's Sheep Project (British Columbia): This project focuses on understanding the health and habitat use of Stone's sheep in Spatsizi

Park. The project uses GPS collars to track sheep movements, addressing gaps in knowledge about migratory patterns, population dynamics and predation.

Etchart Compensated Domestic Sheep Grazing Allotment Waiver (Colorado): This waiver seeks to reduce disease transmission between domestic and wild sheep by compensating grazing permittees for vacating an important area of bighorn sheep range. The goal is to minimize contact, aiding the recovery and growth of local wild sheep populations across a large area.

Oregon/Idaho/Washington Test & Remove Program: The aim is to improve bighorn sheep herd health by capturing and removing sheep infected with *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi). This project also tracks mortality causes and habitat use, working to reduce chronic lamb mortality.

California Bighorn Sheep Health & Disease Surveillance (ION Partnership): The ION Partnership targets improving lamb survival and population recovery across shared range in Idaho, Oregon, and Nevada by testing for and removing Movi carriers. This multi-year effort involves GPS collaring, genetic testing, and predation monitoring.

Fraser River Bighorn Sheep Recovery (British Columbia): This project focuses on reducing the prevalence of Movi in California bighorn sheep along the Fraser River. The project has improved lamb survival rates through test-and-remove interventions and aims to engage the public including First Nations through education and outreach.

Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Restoration (Wyoming): This ongoing plan expands the test-and-remove strategy to minimize Movi in the Whiskey Mountain herd, increasing lamb recruitment and reducing disease prevalence. GPS collar data will help guide habitat improvements.

Gene Transcription: Wild Sheep Health Assessment (Westwide): This project develops a database to investigate gene regulation and disease in wild sheep. The project collects blood samples from across their range to analyze genetic factors contributing to disease resistance and related health outcomes.

Muddy Mountains Guzzler Project (Nevada): The largest water guzzler in Nevada's history was put in place in response to a die-off related to extreme drought. This



Nevada team releasing a ewe during a capture project late in the summer of 2023.

will help support desert bighorn sheep in the area and benefit myriad other wildlife in one of the hottest, driest locations in America.

Advancing Diagnostics for Hunter-Based Disease Surveillance (Kyrgyzstan): This project implements hunter-mediated disease surveillance in Kyrgyzstan, using low-tech methods to monitor key pathogens in argali and ibex. The project focuses on diseases like brucellosis and sarcoptic mange in remote mountain regions.

Chronic Carriers & Bighorn Sheep Population Density (Wyoming): This project evaluates the relationship between population density, nutrition, and disease among wild sheep and explores the effectiveness of test-and-remove and female harvest management interventions to reduce pathogen load.

Finalizing Animal-Side & Non-Invasive Movi K9 Detection (Westwide): Working Dogs For Conservation (WD4C) is training dogs to identify Movi in wild sheep populations. The goal is to detect infected sheep using scat and nasal swabs, providing a non-invasive tool for wildlife managers. Current field trials comparing canines to standard testing procedures are ongoing.

Bighorn Sheep Capture, Translocation & Disease Evaluation (Nebraska): The Cornhusker State's small but vital herd is dealing with disease and other issues. Here captures are aimed at evaluating the impact of Movi on population dynamics and to facilitate translocations. Various detection methods, including Working Dogs For Conservation have been tested.

Wind River Reservation Feral Horse Gathering

(Wyoming): A large-scale tribal effort to remove feral horses in bighorn sheep habitat in the Wind River Reservation has been highly successful. Aerial surveys and gathers have significantly reduced the feral horse population.

Stone's Sheep Body Condition & Nutrition Study (British Columbia): Researchers are investigating how seasonal nutrition impacts Stone's sheep body condition in the Finlay-Russel ranges. GPS collars track movements, while body fat measurements assess the impact of habitat quality on overall health and survival.

Stafford-Ferry Conservation Easement: Conserving 1,292 acres of vital wildlife habitat in central Montana is the aim of this project. This land is crucial for bighorn sheep, elk, and mule deer. It is adjacent to the Whiskey Ridge Conservation Easement, which enhances a larger conservation landscape. The easement also improves public hunting and other recreation access to 15,400 acres of surrounding public lands.

Movi Sampling Kits for Hunters (Yukon Territory): A citizen science-based project, this continues a six-year partnership to provide hunters with sampling kits for collecting swabs from harvested Dall's rams in Yukon. The samples contribute to ongoing disease surveillance efforts in collaboration with local wildlife agencies.

"We greatly value and appreciate our State, First Nation, Provincial, National, and International management authority partners and greatly value the ability to work alongside and support their conservation programs," said Corey Mason, WSF Executive VP of Conservation & COO.

Women Hunt

The Women Hunt program provides skills-based hunter training emphasizing mentorship, community, conservation and the principles of giving back. Fiscal year 2023-2024 saw Women Hunt move forward with multiple initiatives.

The Fall 2023 Field to Fork course, which received over 100 applications from across North America, selected 12 women to partake in the program at the FTW Ranch in Texas.

Upon course completion, participants are paired with a mentor through the chapter & affiliate network to continue their journey. A notable and positive exception was a collaboration with Artemis Sportswomen in an area where no other connection could be made.

"It has been amazing to see this program's impact on the women who participate. It has not only strengthened some of the participants' commitments to hunting and wild sheep conservation but inspired some to dedicate much of their lives to the cause," said Renée Thornton, Women Hunt Chair.

Women Hunt alumni greatly contributed to WSF in 2024, especially during the Sheep Show where they aided with a culinary corner, event logistics and a cinema premiere. The giving back element has also been demonstrated through involvement in wild sheep conservation projects such as guzzler construction, outreach activities, and local mentoring programs.

"The alumni also work within their communities, organizing events, educating others, and advocating for wildlife conservation at the local and national levels," Thornton said.

This year also marked the launch of the Rubye Mayflower Blake Legacy Fund, which commemorates Rubye Blake's life and has set out to empower women recovering from traumatic experiences by fostering healing through the transformative power of nature.

Founded by her husband Derek Blake, the fund is managed under Women Hunt as a dedicated program line and protected fund to be used strictly for the purposes of its mission.

"Our goal is to help them rediscover their inner strength and lead fulfilling, empowered lives," Thornton said.

Also moving forward in 2024 is the Women in Hunting community, where women passionate about

TOP: The Spring 2024 Field to Fork course, which had five participants, targeted women in hunting-related industries and provided instruction for hunters of all experience levels. BELOW: Successful hunters from the Fall 2023 course, which included 12 women who participated in extensive courses on firearms, shooting, hunting, ethics, field dressing, and game preparation.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

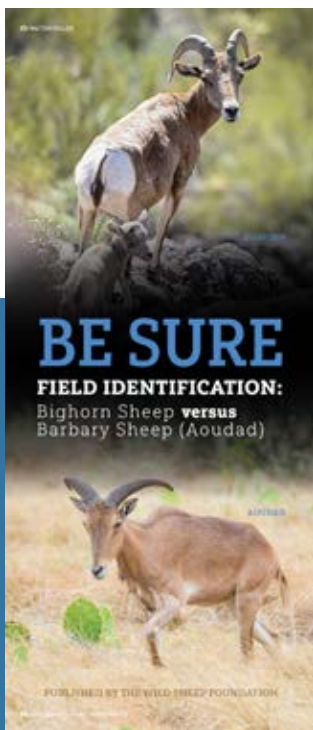
wildlife conservation and the role of hunters engage and support one another. This vibrant community fosters relationships, builds strength, and shares knowledge among participants.

Additionally, Women Hunt participated in The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference, hosting a booth to promote its program and advocate for hunters' interests.

"Looking to the future, Women Hunt is expanding its reach. The Women in Hunting community will launch a new campaign in 2024, encouraging women of all ages to share their outdoor experiences," Thornton said.

This campaign will culminate in a celebratory event during the 2025 Sheep Show. The program also aims to offer more Field to Fork courses, establish stand-alone hunting opportunities, and grow its partnerships with organizations.

A partnership with Spike Camp, an online forum for conservation-focused hunters, is set to launch in October 2024, further extending the program's reach and impact.



Be Sure

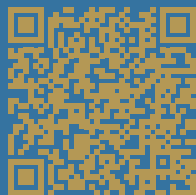
WSF, in partnership with the New Mexico Chapter of WSF and the Texas Bighorn Society, has released a new guide to help hunters distinguish between bighorn sheep and aoudad (Barbary sheep) and prevent mistaken identity during hunts.

"With aoudad

populations expanding rapidly, we're hearing increasing reports of hunters mistakenly shooting desert bighorn ewes and juvenile rams when hunting aoudads," said WSF President & CEO Gray N. Thornton.

Aoudad, native to North Africa, have since spread across states like Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, California and even an area in Oregon. Informing hunters of the difference between these popular to hunt exotics and bighorns is crucial.

The "Be Sure" guide is available for download by scanning the code at right, and the printed version has been distributed at many events as well as locations where public land aoudad permits are available for sale in New Mexico.



Who Cares? BC

Who Cares BC is an initiative led by the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia to promote sustainable wildlife conservation and management practices in British Columbia.

It seeks to address issues like habitat loss and declining wildlife populations, focusing on science-based solutions, instead of emotion.

WSF is one of the key allies supporting this cause, contributing to conservation efforts to maintain abundant wildlife. It includes collaboration with Indigenous groups, environmental advocates, and wildlife biologists.

1Campfire

1Campfire is an initiative focused on reconnecting people with the heritage and value of hunting, conservation, and outdoor stewardship. WSF

backs the program to reach those who might not otherwise hear a hunting-based conservation message.

The program was developed to engage hunters and non-hunters in a dialogue emphasizing the deep connection between people, nature, and wildlife conservation. Its aim is to create a better understanding of the role that responsible hunting plays in conservation efforts.

WSF has strongly supported the Campfire program, recognizing the importance of building bridges between outdoor enthusiasts and the general public.

Wild Harvest Initiative

The Wild Harvest Initiative, founded by conservationist Shane Mahoney is a wide-reaching project that explores the impact of hunting and fishing on society. It takes a deep look at the economic value of harvested food as well as ecological and cultural significance.

Mahoney's influence extends across many areas of wildlife interests where he often takes the message to podcasts and blogs to give a passionate, informed look at hunting and hunter harvest.

"Natural harvest also fuels conservation.



U.S. duck hunters, for example, must purchase annual Federal Duck Stamps, and 98 percent of those proceeds fund wetlands conservation in the National Wildlife Federation. So the sustainable harvest of wild game not only generates healthy foods but creates healthy habitats,” Mahoney wrote in a special article for the National Wildlife Federation.

Mahoney emphasizes this is the first time such a comprehensive assessment has been undertaken in North America, combining modern scientific data with long-term advocacy to broaden public discourse on hunting and fishing.

Montana Matters Youth Expo

Giving youth a chance to learn about conservation and hunting is why WSF supported the Montana Matters Youth Expo.

Aimed at youth aged seven to 17, the program offers camps that provide mentorship from agency biologists and professionals annually and engages more than 200 young participants in scenic locations, such as Boone & Crockett’s Teddy Roosevelt Ranch and Magruder Ranger Station. A primary focus is wild sheep education.

S.H.E.E.P.

WSF’s full curl commitment to wild sheep and hunter-conservationists is exemplified in its support of inspiring and sustaining a new generation.

The S.H.E.E.P. Program (Students for Habitat Education & Ecosystem Protection) is WSF’s Youth educational initiative. It aims to engage students, educators, and communities in wildlife conservation, focusing on wild sheep species.

“The program exists to promote understanding of habitat preservation, wildlife management, and the ecological roles of these animals,” said Dr. Ryan Brock, WSF Youth Education Coordinator

The core goals of the S.H.E.E.P. Program include:

- Education: Teaching students about wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Youth Involvement: Encouraging young generations to participate in outdoor activities and become stewards of wildlife.
- Conservation Awareness: Raising awareness of wild sheep’s ecological challenges, such as habitat destruction and disease.
- Community Engagement: Bringing communities together to support conservation through education and advocacy.

The program partners with schools and outdoor education centers to provide curriculum materials and engage students in conservation activities.

According to Ryan Brock, WSF’s youth programs reached an impressive 12,782 young people, the highest number in the past five years.

“A key highlight was the continuation of the WSF Archery Team, now in its second year. This program takes participants from introductory archery clinics to more advanced skills, such as using sights and releases, with bi-monthly meetups,” Brock said.

The program engaged in 100 youth events for the year, including an impressive showing at the Sheep Show—the most in WSF’s history. Additionally, WSF updated its teacher kits, which now offer 26 lessons across two volumes. Schools across the U.S. get them on loan thanks to a new partnership with the National Bighorn Sheep Center (NBSC). Teachers can also request Zoom sessions with NBSC specialists to supplement their lessons. WSF also partnered with Nature’s Window Museum in Washington to provide resources for wild sheep education.

The annual Nevada Outdoor Experience, which has been growing for over a decade, saw 409 youth participants and 44 organizations supporting the event in Carson City.

Among the new initiatives, WSF organized its first youth feral hog hunt in Texas, taking ten children for a three-day hunting and fishing adventure. Ten children participated in a bighorn sheep guzzler build and camping trip in Nevada in partnership with Nevada Bighorns Unlimited.

Many sheep hunters dream of seeing bighorns released, and investing in that experience for youth shows the commitment WSF, its chapters, and affiliates have toward long-term wild sheep conservation.

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than seeing a mature ram on top of the mountain is watching hunter-conservationists gather together to make that scene possible.

And through WSF it’s being done from generation to generation.



Another unique experience involved taking three kids on a bighorn sheep capture and translocation effort at Valley of Fire State Park, NV.

AMPLIFY

Telling Our Story Through Improved Platforms

The responsibility of Communications is to tell the story of the Foundation's involvements, contributions, and accomplishments across many evolving communication platforms. This past fiscal year, our focus was amplifying our voice.

As you can see from this annual report, the Foundation is multifaceted and engaged in many areas to achieve our Mission. Delivery began with investments to improve the WSF website to capture more of what we do, why we do what we do, and enhance our visitor experience. This included:

- Refresh the rotating header carousel on the Home Page.
- Upgrading our Home page to deliver content in easy-to-find, mobile-friendly, self-reloading cards.
- Creating a new Conservation Impact section to highlight news and achievements from our conservation activities, funding, and projects.

- Use of top-of-the-page banners to highlight important, time-sensitive happenings and opportunities.
- Creating a new Hunt section dropdown with a new Hunting Blog to deliver information about wild sheep and sheep hunting.
- Reformatting the Sheep Show dropdown menu to offer individual pages for all aspects of the Show and facilitate better, one-click links in our communication back to specific pages we want people to go to versus expecting our visitors to find what they are searching for on one continuous page.
- Strengthening our Events page with individual event cards.
- Improved the page footer for more accessible, quick navigation.

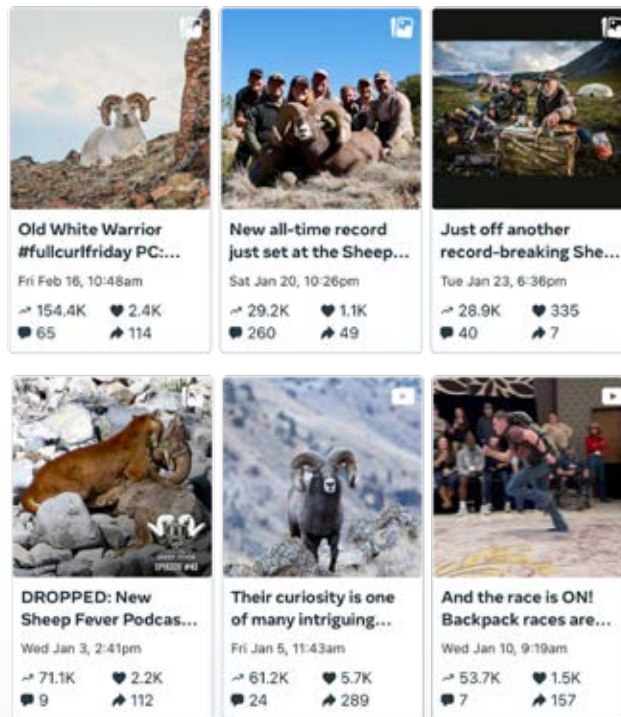
In addition, we added Google Analytics to measure overall site performance and conversions, as well as track which of our marketing and communications efforts drove people to our site. We also initiated a Search Engine Optimization (SEO) exercise to learn what areas of the site are working and which impede people from organically finding us through Google searches.

e-NEWSLETTERS

WSF circulates two monthly email newsletters that include a mountain of information to our subscribers. *Mountain Minutes* reaching 27,254 subscribers. Our Chapters and Affiliates email newsletter is new this fiscal year and was implemented to keep WSF members abreast of what our C&As focus on and have to offer.

NEW PLATFORM

WSF joined CarbonTV, a free Internet video, films, and podcast platform for the outdoor community, as another portal to share our videos, films, and podcasts. WSF won their People's Choice Award for Best Cinematography for one of our films, *Circle of Life - The Rut*, done by Jason Matzinger.



Top performing posts from Facebook (top) and Instagram (below).

SOCIAL MEDIA

The WSF has a strong social media following with over 90,000 FB followers and nearly 95,000 Instagram followers. These numbers give us an overall reach between the two platforms of close to 2.3 million.

PRESS MEDIA

In FY23-24, WSF distributed eighteen press releases.

OCTOBER 2023

- WSF Directing \$7.815 Million for Wild Sheep

DECEMBER 2023

- Leading Brands Sponsoring SHEEP SHOW
- Wild Sheep and The Desert National Wildlife Refuge

JANUARY 2024

- SITKA Gear Stands Strong Again for Wild Sheep Conservation
- Nevada Representatives Recognized at the Sheep Show
- Sheep Show sets Records for Wild Sheep Conservation
- US Fish & Wildlife Service Recognized at the Sheep Show
- WSF Special Service & Hunting Awards Given at Sheep Show

FEBRUARY 2024

- Wild Sheep Partners with Western Hunt Fest
- WSF Welcomes Two More Native American Tribes as Affiliates

MARCH 2024

- Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and Wild Sheep Foundation Applaud Passage of Idaho Open Records Law Amendment

APRIL 2024

- WSF: EXPLORE Act Passes the House

MAY 2024

- WSF Releases "BE SURE," a New Field Identification Guide

JUNE 2024

- Wild Sheep Foundation: \$1 Million for Stone's Sheep
- Wild Sheep Foundation: Wildlife Migration Bill Introduced
- WSF Welcomes New Southeast Chapter
- WSF Awards Youth Scholarships



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CRITICAL FUNDING

During the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, the Ensuring the Future of Wild Sheep (ETFOWS) campaign recorded \$1,417,000 in new and upgraded 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 2023-2024, fiscal year the Marco Polo Society became fully subscribed when we reached Marco Polo Society (MPS) member #100 at the 2024 Sheep Show Grand Finale Banquet. Incredibly, 10 generous MPS members stepped forward to bid the #100 Marco Polo Society membership to a staggering \$1,000,000! All proceeds from the sale of that 100th MPS membership were directed to the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation Endowment Fund.

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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year the Chadwick Ram Society brought in \$286,00 in new and upgraded pledge dollars, helping to fund critical Grant in Aid projects.

The Legacy Society honors donors who have named the Wild Sheep Foundation or the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation as beneficiaries of a planned gift or bequest. This giving society is a critical component to the Wild Sheep Foundation's long-term success. We are proud to have 47 Legacy Society members as of the 2024 Fiscal Year End.

NOTE: All WSF Society members joining after June 30, 2024, will appear in the FY 2024-2025 Annual Report. Those new members will be highlighted on our website and in our magazine





WSF SALUTES OUR MARCO POLO SOCIETY MEMBERS

Alphabetical Order

■ Indicates New Marco Polo Society members during FY - 2023-24

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|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Anonymous | Chris & Jaimie Dianda (NV) | Thomas Lemmerholz (GER) | Mike Snider (MI) |
| Anonymous | Mike & Julie Dianda (NV) | Wayne Lenington (TN) | Jeff Sorg (MT) |
| Shane & Angela Alexander (TN) | Mark & Janice Dickson (CA) | Jeff Lindgren (MN) | Daryll & Shauna Southwick (CO) |
| Lee & Penny Anderson (FL) | Billy Dunbar (AK) | Paul Mattes (MI) | Brandon & Kristi Stokes (OR) |
| Stanford & Pamela Atwood (CA) | The Fiedeldey Family (OH) | Kyle & Joanne Meintzer (NV) | ■ Rick Taylor & Carole Danyluk (BC) |
| John & Jane Babler (MN) | Tom & Jennifer Foss (AB) | Joe & Christine Michaletz (WY) | ■ Gray & Renée Thornton (MT) |
| Scott & Erica Barry (MI) | Ronald Gabriel, MD & Pamela Hobbs (CA) | Craig & Therese Mueller (ID) | Jelindo & Sandee Tiberti (NV) |
| ■ Bryan & Barbara Bartlett (NM) | Kevin & Lauri Gilbert (MT) | Richard & Linda Murphy (NM) | Matt Tomseth (OR) |
| Brian & Debbie Benyo (OH) | Alden Glidden (OR) | The Olmstead Family (BC) | Tim & Ruth Van Der Weide (IA) |
| Gary Bogner (MI) | ■ Paul Greene (CO) | Rancho La Palmosa (MX) | Ken & Anna Vorisek (AK) |
| Dan & Kathy Boone (TX) | Robert Hall & Jane Link (FL) | Mark & Gabriela Peterson (MI) | ■ Neal & Jody Wanless (SD) |
| Louis Breland (AL) | Brian & Susan Ham (AZ) | Ron & Vicki Pomeroy (WY) | Mark Watkins (MN) |
| Jerry & Amy Brenner (NC) | Marc & Cheryl Hansen (PA) | Larry & Brenda Potterfield (MO) | Jay Webster (TX) |
| Steve & Jackie Bruggeman (MN) | Jim & Sue Hens (NY) | Joni & Gary W. Raba (TX) | Craig & Leslee West (NC) |
| Peter & Wendy Burchfield (PA) | ■ Charles Herron, Jr. (AL) | Terry & Ginger Rathert (TX) | Steven & Ardyce Whisler (MT) |
| Tony & Ginny Caligiuri (IA) | Tom & Denise Hoffman (NY) | Gary & Yvonne Rigotti (OR) | Clayton & Modesta Williams (TX) |
| Ron & Billi Carey (AB) | Steve & Jill Hornady (NE) | Christopher Ring (TX) | Lyle & Jennifer Wood (AB) |
| Oscar & Valerie Carlson (MN) | Larry & Jane Hunts (OR) | Kevin & Janine Rinke (MI) | Russ & Debi Young (TX) |
| ■ The Michael Carpinito Family (WA) | Kevin Hurley (ID) | Alan & Barbara Sackman (NY) | Gary & Penny Young (WV) |
| Walt & Joan Coram (TX) | Ross & Nicole Jackson (CO) | Doug & Shelly Sayer (ID) | Alan Young (YT) |
| Guinn & Betsy Crousen (TX) | Scott Jesseman (IL) | Roger Segebrecht (WI) | ■ MPS #100 - \$1 Million to Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation Endowment Fund Sheep Show 2024! |
| Sam & Tracy Cunningham (TX) | Kaan & Nurgul Karakaya (TUR) | ■ Steve & Sue Skold (IA) | |
| Denis & Diane Dale (AB) | Roger Kenner (ND) | Kip & Sue Slaugh (UT) | |
| Dean & Paige Darby (MI) | Tommy & Patty Lang (FL) | Kevin & Tuesdy Small (CA) | |
| Monty & Becky Davis (TX) | George & Kelly Lawrence (WA) | J. Alain Smith (WA) | |
| Jeff & Jann Demaske (CO) | Doug & Dana Leech (WV) | Dan Smith, Jr. (CA) | |
| | | Dan Smith III (CA) | |





The Chadwick Ram Society (CRS) was formed in 2013 to create a pathway for Wild Sheep Foundation members who were looking for an opportunity to contribute to the Foundation's Mission beyond their regular annual membership. In a short period of time, CRS has come to play a critical role in raising significant funding for wild sheep enhancement projects that otherwise would not have happened. Since inception, the Chadwick Ram Society has put more than \$2.3 Million "back on the mountain". With five (5) Benefactor Levels, there is a giving level for just about anyone!

Donations can be made to WSF's Endowment Fund, Conservation Fund and/ or Operations to fund specific programs and initiatives. CRS members will be recognized with a stunning lapel pin indicating their Benefactor Level. Members may also "upgrade" their Benefactor levels within the Chadwick Ram Society as well as to the premier Marco Polo Society.

WSF SALUTES OUR CHADWICK RAM SOCIETY® MEMBERS

Alphabetical by benefactor level

■ New or Upgraded CRS for FY - 2023-24



PLATINUM - \$50,000

Lee Anderson (FL)
 Anonymous
 Kenneth L. Barr (CA)
 Bryan & Barbara Bartlett (NM)
 Gary Bogner (MI)
 ■ Mike Borel & Roz Faugier-Borel (CA)
 Bob & Steve Brocchini (CA)
 Ron & Billi Carey (AB)
 ■ Rob & Lucy Sinclair (TX)
 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)
 ■ Jeff Kruger (CO)
 Steve Letcher (AZ)
 Larry & Emily Lewis (MI)
 Mychal Murray (TX)
 ■ Andrew & Kymberly Pratt (TX)
 ■ Hank Raats (NV)
 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
 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)
 ■ Samuel Hays (TX)
 ■ Stewart N. Isley (MI)
 Larry & Gay Johns (NV)
 Bob & Pam Keagy (CA)

■ Shane & Kim Mahoney (NL)
 Conservation Visions
 Mike Mechenbier (NM)
 Terry & Mary Mick (MN)
 Donald Priest (AZ)
 Glen & Caroline Pyne (CA)
 David B. Reed (TX)
 Lou & Pauline Rupp (MO)
 Steve & Sue Skold (IA)
 *Kip & Sue Slaugh (UT)
 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
 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)
 Derek Blake (AK)
 Eldon "Buck" Buckner (OR)
 ■ Eugene Burger (NY)
 Jeremy & Karen Chase (PA)
 Joseph Ciavarra (CA)
 Kelli S. Cody (MT)
 Kemp Copeland (TX)
 James & Leann Craig (IN)
 Richard Crawford (MI)
 Larry Diehl (VA)
 ■ Terry Dieren Family (IA)
 Dennis Dunn (ID)
 Tyrel Dutcher (TX)
 Buddy DuVall (GA)
 David & Tamara Alegria Dybvig (AZ)
 K.J. Eberspacher (IL)
 Gary Erker (CO)
 Aaron Florian (UT)
 Ryan & Tiffany Foutz (UT)
 Dale & Donna Gaugler (MD)
 Jeff Geiger (OH)
 Karen Gordon (AK)

Paul Greene (CO)
 Patrick Hagens (WY)
 Robert & Arlene Hanson (AZ)
 Marty Harsin (NV)
 ■ Charles & Rebecca Hartford (CA)
 Zach & Amber Higgins (ID)
 Daniel Hinz (WY)
 Denise Hoffman (CO)
 Lucas Humbarnd (AK)
 Larry Jacobs (OR)
 Brett Jefferson (NV)
 Jonathan Jencks (VA)
 ■ Breck Johnson (CO)
 Kenetrek (MT)
 Dan Kluth (ID)
 Kyle Krause (TX)
 Will Lee (AK)
 Peter Licata (NV)
 Tom Lang (FL)
 Garrett & Jana Long (MT)
 Donald Martin (CA)
 Robert Martin, Jr (VA)
 Zachary McDermott (WY)
 Larry & JoAnne McGovern (MT)
 Bo & Jerrin Morgan (AZ)
 ■ Patrick Morse (FL)
 Pete & Bobbie Mowbray (VA)
 Craig & Laureen Nakamoto (IA)
 Stone Mountain Safaris - Leif
 & Kellie Olsen (BC)
 ■ Pat O'Neill & Kay Giannola (MN)
 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)
 Dr. Allan Reishus (CO)
 ■ Anthony Reviglio (NV)
 Mason Rogers (TX)
 ■ Anonymous
 Richard B. Schilhab (TX)
 Gary Sessions (NM)
 Robert Sherer (MT)
 McKenzie Sims (WY)
 AC & Melissa Smid (WY)
 ■ Victor Smith Jr. & Danielle
 Jackson (CA)
 Edward & Gail Spies (SD)
 J.C. Spies (SD)
 Ryan Steptoe (AE)
 James Stubbs (SC)
 Jeremy & Jessica Tripp (ID)
 JT Tubbs (MT)
 Reuben Valles (CA)
 Zack Walton (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)
 ■ Thomas Armosino (OR)
 Louis M. Balenko (CO)
 ■ Paul Baird (AZ)
 Clint Bentley & Cindy
 Alexander (NV)
 Rick & Sandra Booth (PA)
 Mike Bouton (MN)
 ■ Jeff & Kris Brant (WA)
 Ross Brewer (TX)
 Aaron & Amy Burkhart (MN)
 Calvin Burns (CO)
 Paul Carter (MA)
 Julie Chapman (IN)
 *Randell Cotta (CA)
 Kevin Cheng & Hana
 Yang (CA)
 Don Colter (ID)
 James Cooney (AK)
 Alan Day (OR)
 ■ Josh DeLong (ID)
 ■ Matt & Carrie DeLong (OR)
 Paul Donaldson (MT)
 Toni Durrance (FL)
 Brian Fienhold (UT)
 Jim Fitzgerald (CA)
 Tom & LeAnna Fischer (ID)

■ Kevin & Lisa Fox (AK)
 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)
 Paul & Kathy Havey (PA)
 ■ Jeff & Lisa Haynie (WA)
 ■ Joe & Kathy Hill (WA)
 Dale Hislop (AB)
 Keith Hite (PA)
 Shad & April Hulse (UT)
 Stacey & Dorcy Hunt (WA)
 Kyle & Tess Hurley (ID)
 Adam Janke (BC)
 ■ Douglas & Jacky
 Johnson (AK)
 ■ Charlie & Linda Kelly (AZ)
 Glenn & Ann Kennedy (TX)
 Bob Kenner (WA)
 Rachel Kidwell (AK)
 Steve King (NM)
 Ted Kruzan (IA)
 Glen Landrus (WA)
 James Lewis (AK)

John Link (WI)
 Christopher Loomis (MT)
 Mitchel Lopez (NJ)
 Jim Manley (OR)
 Martin Marietta (NC)
 ■ Chase Marler (ID)
 Matthew & Traci Martin (MT)
 Bob & Lisa Mays (NV)
 Alan & Kathy McGraw (TX)
 ■ David & Lisa Matthias (IA)
 ■ Bruce Mellott (PA)
 ■ Chuck Middleton (ID)
 Nick & Andi Negrini (MN)
 Carl Nelson (AK)
 Randy & Kim Newberg (MT)
 Elliot Niemi (AK)
 Doug & Lu Ochsner (MT)
 Steve Opat (AK)
 Jeffrey Perez (NJ)
 Gary Raba (TX)
 Stuart "Cam" Rader (AK)
 Gerald & Edith
 Remaklus (AZ)
 Thomas Rea (CO)
 ■ Rob & Brie Register (GA)
 ■ Brian & Nikiesha
 Richards (AK)
 ■ Chad Riedel (AK)
 Greg & Katy

Schildwachter (MD)
 ■ Konrad Schruf II (AK)
 Paul Schulteis (CA)
 Bob Van De Rostyne (WY)
 Mike Schmillen (MN)
 Tim & Roxanne
 Shinabarger (MT)
 ■ Jesse & Lovely
 Simonson (HI)
 Barrett Sims (TN)
 Paul Spyhalski (MN)
 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)
 ■ Ty & Cara Zumach (WA)



COPPER - \$2,500

Adam Adams (TX)
■ Brett Adams (NV)
Anonymous
Grant Adkisson (CO)
Dan Adler/Diamond
Z Outfitters of AZ
Thomas Adrien (GA)
Rob & Cheryl Arnaud (MT)
Myles Astle (NT)
Michael Avery (LA)
Jeremy Ayotte (BC)
Ben Bailey (AK)
Bryan Bailey (WA)
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)
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WSF SALUTES OUR LEGACY SOCIETY® MEMBERS

JANUARY 2013 - JUNE 30, 2024

■ Legacy Society Members Joining During FY 2023-24

Lee & Penny Anderson
Anonymous
Anonymous
Jack, Jr. & Cindy Atcheson
Derek W.O. Berry
Mike Borel
Cabela's Outdoor Fund
David Campbell
Dr. Robert & Cynthia Cassell
Rick & Heather Carasone
Monty & Becky Davis
Howard & Mary Deters
Doug & Patty Dreeszen
Buddy DuVall
Tom Grimes
Eric & Sue Hansen
■ Zach & Amber Higgins
Robert & Arlene Hanson John & Mary Ann Justus
Roger McCosker
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Kyle & Joanne Meintzer
Chuck Middleton
David Mode
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Roger Segebrecht
Tim & Roxane Shinabarger
Jim Travis
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The Estate of Robert B. Johnson
The William H. Donner Foundation, Inc.
SCI Foundation - Hunter Legacy Fund (HLF-100)
Curt & Marcia Thompson
Gray & Renée Thornton



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FY 2023-2024 OVERVIEW

By becoming a member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, you not only support crucial conservation efforts across the globe but also connect with a community of passionate individuals committed to protecting our precious wild sheep resource. Your membership helps fund essential research, habitat enhancement, and public education. Fiscal year 2023-24 again broke membership records, and we are proud to have 11,138 members that are committed to our mission of “Putting and Keeping Wild Sheep on the Mountain.”

Of these 11,138 members, almost 50% are life members. This amazing statistic has far-reaching significance for wild sheep. Most importantly, this level of patronage fuels our Life Member Fund, which we dedicate to annual funding on-the-ground wild sheep projects. Last year, this fund gave \$265,000 in Grant-in-Aid and scholarships.

Our Summit Life members take this great commitment to an even higher level—all the way to the summit. Our Summit Life members receive a handsome custom engraved plaque, lapel pin, and embroidered garment. Life and Summit Life members are honored at the annual Sheep Show with an exclusive event—the Life Member Breakfast. Moreover, the aforementioned Life Member fund not only directs annual funding to conservation projects and education initiatives, but also serves as a reserve to provide service to our Life and Summit Life members in perpetuity.

Your membership to the Wild Sheep Foundation is more than a subscription—it’s a partnership in preserving wildlife. We applaud you, WSF Family!

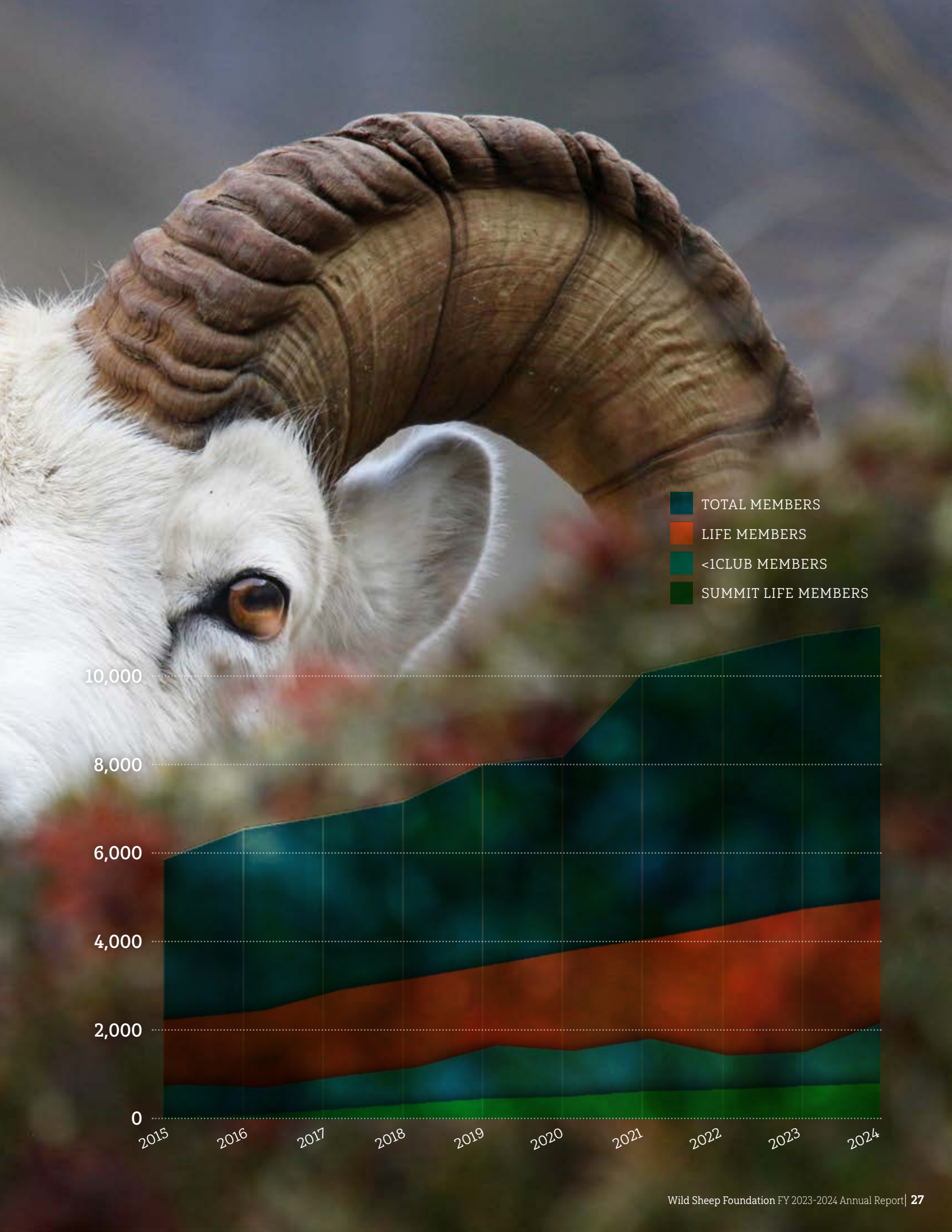


It has been a privilege to be both a member and volunteer with the WSF. Contributing to wild sheep

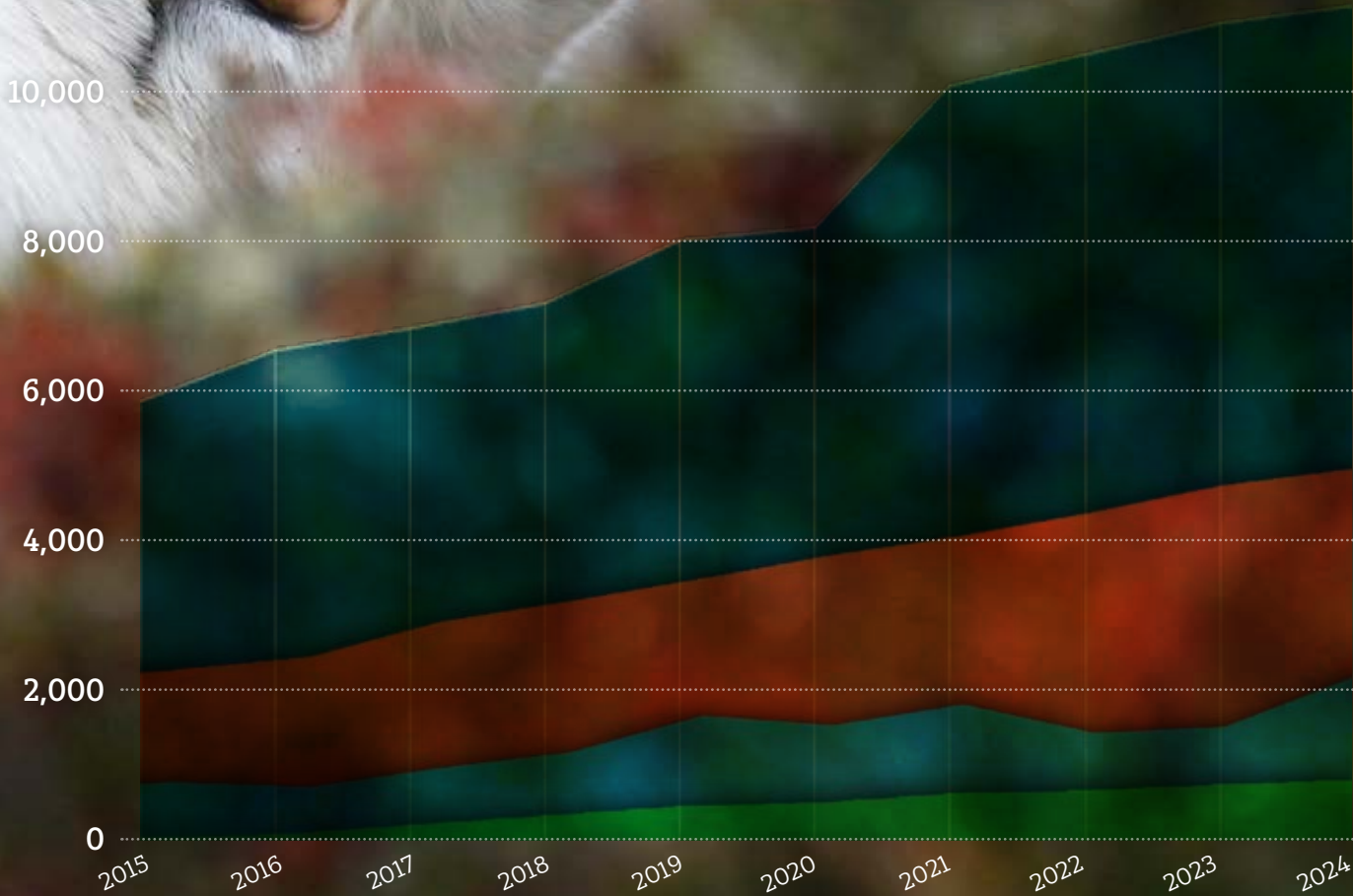
conservation has been incredibly fulfilling, and I’ve seen firsthand the positive impact it is making in preserving these magnificent animals and their habitats. I’m proud to support an organization that is committed to ensuring the future of wild sheep, and I’m grateful to be part of such a passionate community.

AUGUSTINE GALLO





- TOTAL MEMBERS
- LIFE MEMBERS
- <1CLUB MEMBERS
- SUMMIT LIFE MEMBERS



New Summit Life Members

Joseph Adams	Craig Johns	Steve Raymond
Eric Ahlgren	James Kavanaugh	Rob Register
Ron Amack	Joshua Martin	Rick Robertson
Jason Anderson	Christopher Mathena	Alex Russell
Gavin Antley	Dennis Mayhew	Jeremy Schaad
Jim Barbour	Eric Meyer	Ryan Showalter
Drew Bardenwerper	Laci Nelson	Scott Skinner
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Levi Hinkelman	Jon Pynch	Ted Zmak
Dylan Hitner	Monica Pynch	
Cory Jackson	Ben Rawls	

WSF's goal is to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain and that is exactly what they do. From transplanting sheep to habitat enhancement, WSF does an incredible job behind the scenes so that sheep can continue to grow and thrive. Their fundraising and effort go into real programs that have proven results in the preservation of our native sheep herds, as well as their outreach with international species. Hunters wanting to go on a sheep hunt have the best chances of doing just that by going to Sheep Show. The opportunities for the average hunter to get a sheep tag at the show are the best odds you will find. I have been on quite a few sheep hunts helping other people and was lucky enough to win a sheep hunt I never could have afforded at the sheep show a couple of years ago. WSF will continue to have my support because I believe that they are making a difference.

BRIAN NELSON – SUMMIT LIFE MEMBER



<1 Clubs Overview

The Less Than One Club (<1 Club) is open ONLY to aspiring sheep hunters that have never harvested a wild sheep ram in North America and are current WSF members in good standing. Membership to this exclusive club acts as an entry into annual sheep hunt and gear package drawings. In 2024, three Dall's sheep hunts were given away to new sheep hunters. Annual membership to the <1 Club is only \$35 and new members receive a <1 Club t-shirt.

The Less Than One International Club (<1 iClub) is open ONLY to aspiring international hunters that have yet to take a wild sheep or goat internationally and are current WSF members. In 2024, we drew 3 <1 iClub members to embark on their first international hunt. Membership to the <1 iClub is just \$35 annually, and new members receive a <1 iClub t-shirt.

2024 <1 CLUB WINNERS

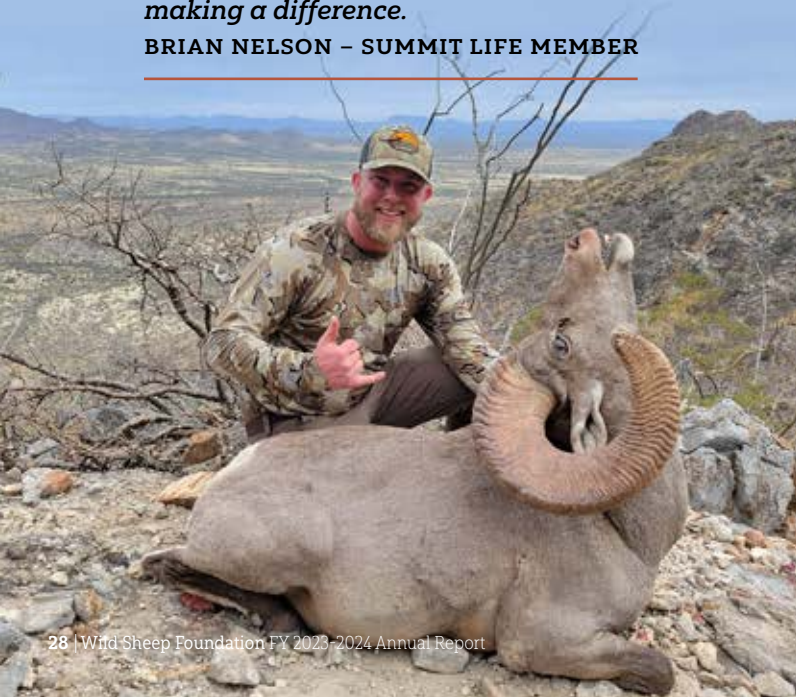
- Raven's Throat – Brian Flowers – Vestana, AL
- North Curl – Cody Wilkinson – Portola, CA
- AMMO – Steven Meinders – Glenwood, IA

2024 <1 iCLUB

- Iberian Hunting Experience, Pyrenian Chamois – Ian Finger – Vacaville, CA
- Iberian Mouflon, Herederos Hunting – Tristan Richter – Missoula, MT
- Cantabrian Chamois, ATP Hunt – Eric Smith – Reno, NV

GENEROUS DONORS

The <1 Club would not be possible without the incredible support of our generous donors. We would like to recognize Kevin & Tuesdy Small and Jeff & Jann Demaske for generously underwriting two of our hunts, and a huge thank you to the following gear package donors for the <1 and <1 iClubs: Leupold, SITKA Gear, Stone Glacier, Dewey Wildlife Studios. Wildlife Revolutions, Brush Country Studios, SAAM Course, Kenetrek, Wyo Backcountry Décor, YETI, Montana Knife Co., ONX, Mystery Ranch, Kryptek, Dakota Taxidermy, Life Like Taxidermy, and Schnee.



C&A Summit XVI

The WSF Chapter & Affiliate Summits were launched in 2008 first as the WSF Chapter Summit with a purpose to join together for wild sheep “Under One Tent & Around One Campfire.” This started the “One Tent – One Campfire” mantra of the WSF C&A family. In 2010, the first Chapter & Affiliate Summit bringing our Affiliates under the tent was held in Edmonton, Alberta, and hosted by WSF Alberta. Fourteen years later, we were again in Alberta to celebrate the C&A Summit XVI.

More than 100 delegates from 25 WSF chapters and affiliates plus WSF Board, Staff, PRAB, government and agency officials, and other special guests joined together for two days of meetings, two afternoons of field trips to see on the ground conservation work, afterwards capped by three nights of networking, camaraderie, fundraising, as well as some hell-raising – all for the betterment of the wild sheep resource.

This year, the WSF family raised more than \$222,000 (USD) for Alberta bighorn sheep conservation during the recent Chapter & Affiliate Summit XVI hosted by WSF Alberta in Calgary, Alberta.

This support was in the form of \$42,750 in cash sponsorships for the summit, \$42,000 in live and silent auction proceeds from the more than 100 delegates, and \$138,000 in a flash appeal to help fund the Grotto Mountain Project. The Alberta WSF Grotto Mountain Project is mechanical forest removal to increase bighorn habitat and transform 100ha of conifer encroachment to montane grassland providing critical winter range in the Bow Valley near Canmore, AB – home of some of the largest bighorn sheep in North America.



From left to right, WSF President and CEO Gray Thornton, WSF Chairman of the Board Glen Landrus, and WSF Chapter & Affiliate Chair Sam Cunningham at the XVI C&A Summit in Calgary.

WSF provided a \$50,000 challenge grant to kick off the flash appeal which was quickly followed by pledges of \$10,000 from Washington WSF, Idaho WSF, Wild Sheep Society of BC, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society, and Texas Bighorn Society. \$5,000 pledges were received from Oregon WSF, Utah WSF, Midwest WSF, Montana WSF, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Iowa FNAWS, Eastern Chapter WSF.

\$2,000 was pledged by New Mexico WSF and an additional \$1,000 personally from NM WSF President Bryan Bartlett for the \$138,000 total.

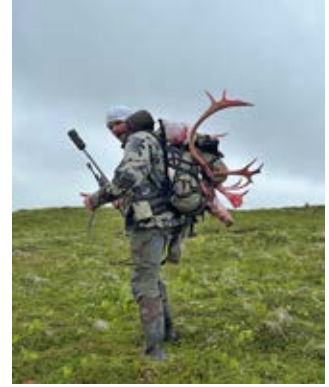
NEW SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

“The Wild Sheep Family is growing,” said WSF President and CEO Gray N. Thornton. “We’ve received a lot of interest from our existing members and others in this region of the country who want to step up and be more directly involved in supporting our purpose to ‘Put and Keep More Wild Sheep on the Mountain®.’”

The Southeast Chapter joins fifteen existing WSF Chapters, thirteen in the U.S. and two in Canada. The Foundation also has 38 Affiliates nationally and internationally. The new Chapter’s charter was recently signed at the Foundation’s 16th Chapter & Affiliate Summit this past week in Calgary, Alberta, hosted by Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta.

“There was a lot of excitement surrounding this announcement and signing,” Thornton added. “Creating an opportunity like this for passionate wild sheep hunter-conservationists to generate regional support adds capacity to our Mission. The beneficiary will be our treasured wild sheep.”

Anyone interested in the Southeast Chapter of WSF is welcome to join, and can do so online by scanning the QR code.



“Membership in the WSF is a special and interesting movement being that most of its members have never taken a wild sheep and some may never. With dedication and the efforts of WSF they are putting more sheep on the mountain and that means more opportunity now and in the future. WSF also provides non sheep related hunting opportunities as well. Big thanks to WSF and Jim Kedrowski for the awesome opportunity to hunt caribou in Alaska!”

ROBERT BALMY



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, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023, 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

November 14, 2024

FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>June 30,</i>	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 896,699	\$ 1,106,241
Convention and membership receivables	135,850	109,915
Merchandise inventories	165,995	104,759
Prepaid expenses	608,761	374,503
Pledges receivable, net of discount	1,076,989	445,869
Total current assets	2,884,294	2,141,287
Fund and trust - invested funds	4,598,790	4,409,230
Pledges receivable, net of discount	677,021	472,826
Furniture fixtures and equipment, net	85,470	68,986
Other assets	39,556	15,235
Right-of-use asset, net	242,099	354,743
Total assets	\$ 8,527,230	\$ 7,462,307
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,150,160	\$ 413,797
Accrued expenses	337,033	281,070
Convention deposits and deferred revenue	538,016	450,965
Line of credit	-	126,887
Operating lease obligation - current	125,562	112,644
Total current liabilities	2,150,771	1,385,363
Long-term liabilities:		
Operating lease obligation	116,537	242,099
Total long-term liabilities	116,537	242,099
Total liabilities	2,267,308	1,627,462
Net assets:		
Without donor restriction:		
Undesignated	1,738,316	1,503,125
Board designated	3,132,783	2,884,729
With donor restrictions	1,388,823	1,446,991
Total net assets	6,259,922	5,834,845
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 8,527,230	\$ 7,462,307

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30,	2024		Total
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	
Support and revenue:			
Proceeds from annual convention	\$ 14,356,528	\$ -	\$ 14,356,528
Less: direct costs	4,808,296	-	4,808,296
Net convention revenue	9,548,232	-	9,548,232
Donations	2,958,890	114,100	3,072,990
Dues and memberships	699,543	-	699,543
Publication revenue	236,647	-	236,647
Contributed nonfinancial assets	184,435	-	184,435
Investment income, net of expenses	531,915	175,186	707,101
Net assets released from restriction	347,454	(347,454)	-
Total support and revenue	14,507,116	(58,168)	14,448,948
Program service expenses:			
Wild sheep conservation and education	11,133,249	-	11,133,249
Membership services	753,701	-	753,701
Total program service expenses	11,886,950	-	11,886,950
Support service expenses:			
Fundraising	561,039	-	561,039
Membership development	386,050	-	386,050
Administration	1,189,832	-	1,189,832
Total support service expenses	2,136,921	-	2,136,921
Change in net assets	483,245	(58,168)	425,077
Net assets, beginning of year	4,387,854	1,446,991	5,834,845
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,871,099	\$ 1,388,823	\$ 6,259,922

A copy of the complete set of audited financial statements is available upon request.



WSLF MISSION

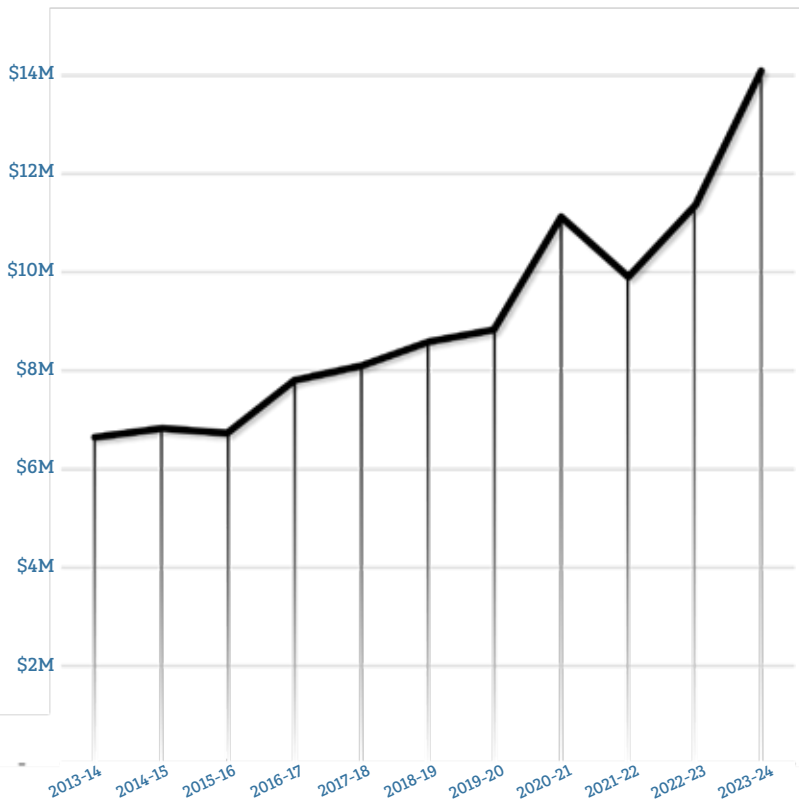
The Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation will exclusively support the charitable, conservation, scientific, research and education efforts of the Wild Sheep Foundation.



WILD SHEEP LEGACY FOUNDATION

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2023: **\$11,287,785**
 Endowment Additions: **\$2,113,155**
 Gains (losses): **\$494,418 (net of fees)***
 Less 4% off-take for Programs: **(\$403,560)**
 Ending FY Endowment Balance as of June 30, 2024: **\$14,082,131**

In 2013 the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation (WSLF) was formed as a separate 501(c)3 Supporting organization to solely support the Mission and Purpose of the Wild Sheep Foundation. The WSLF Endowment Fund assets were transferred from the Wild Sheep Foundation to the Wild Sheep Legacy Foundation to manage and invest as of November 2013. The WSLF has a board of Trustees that are all Life Members of the Wild Sheep Foundation and oversee the WSLF Endowment Fund. The WSLF Endowment Fund is intended to provide the Wild Sheep Foundation a steady, reliable flow of income in perpetuity to fund WSLF and its mission. The WSLF Trustees act as the WSLF Investment Committee for the WSLF's Conservation Fund and Life Member Fund.



*Less Investment & Other Fees included in Net Gains.

NOTE: The annual 4% off-take was directed to help fund more than \$1,000,000 of WSLF Mission Programs and Grant-In-Aid funded from Operations during the year. See FY 2023-24 Mission Program Funding Summary for programs funded. The Board of Trustees of WSLF are all Life Members of WSLF.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 898,775
Convention and membership receivables	135,850
Merchandise inventories	165,995
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>608,761</u>

TOTAL current assets 1,809,381

Fund and Trust - invested funds	4,598,790
Endowment - invested funds	14,090,608
Pledges receivable, net of discount	1,754,010
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	85,470
Other assets	<u>281,655</u>

TOTAL assets \$ 22,619,914

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,729,292
Convention deposits and deferred revenue	<u>538,016</u>

TOTAL current liabilities 2,267,308

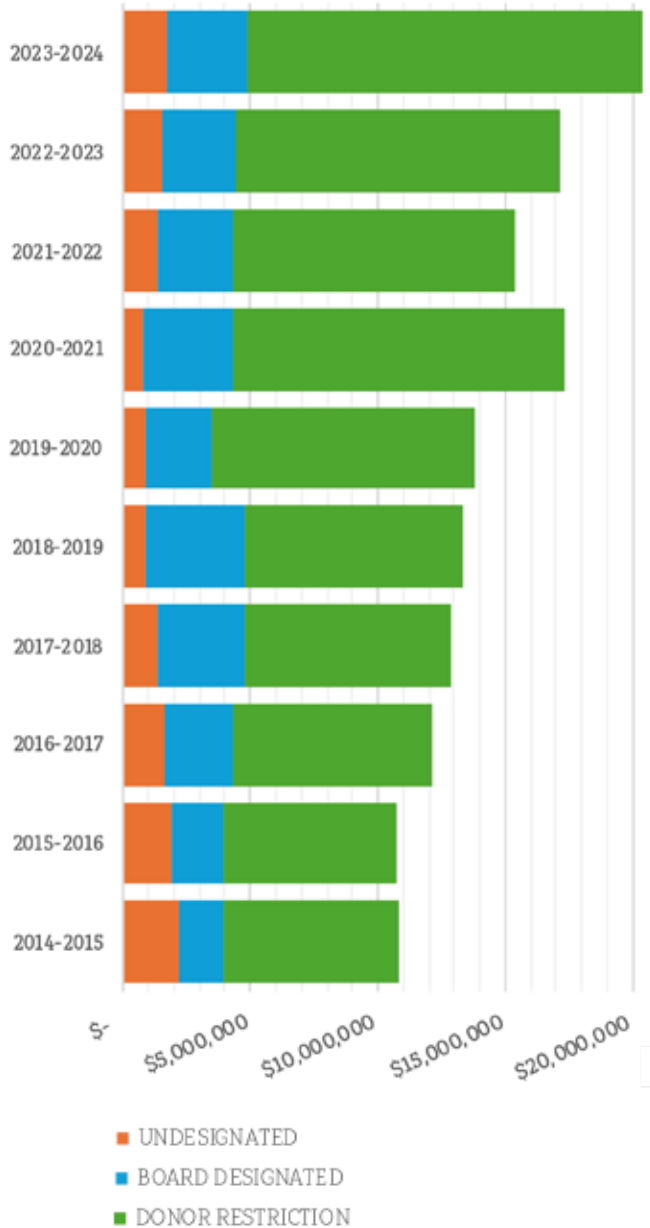
Net assets:

Without donor restriction:	
Undesignated	1,738,316
Board designated	3,132,783
With donor restrictions	<u>15,481,507</u>

TOTAL net assets 20,352,606

TOTAL liabilities and net assets \$ 22,619,914

Consolidated Net Assets of WSF & WSLF 10 Year Comparison



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