

**Comments from Frank & Sue Entsminger and Matt Snyder for the Board of Game Work Session Regarding the Sheep Proposals**

1. First and foremost, there should NOT be any lengthening of any sheep seasons for any reason. If anything, seasons should be shorter.
2. Since half of the sheep hunters go out on the opening, maybe a limited draw of half to 2/3 that number for the first 10 days or do not open the season until August 15 or 20 for sheep statewide.
  - a. up to 20% for NR & 80% for R
  - b. 2nd degree go into the resident pool [anyone putting in for 2nd degree loose their chance to hunt for themselves.
  - c. **DO NOT DO THIS BY GMU OR MOUNTAIN RANGE. DO A STATEWIDE DRAW FOR SHEEP. TRY THIS FIRST BEFORE ANY MORE DRASTIC MEASURES. YOU WILL SEE the problem areas if any.**
  - d. Do this state wide not on only state land, BLM & private, but all land. Guides with concessions should be treated the same as other areas in the state. [ie if you were a client and wanted to go over the opening and your favorite guide is in a draw and another guide is not, you are likely to leave your favorite guide and go with a guide that you are sure to get your dates.] This gives an unfair advantage to those guides. They have the rest of the season to take their animals.
  - e. No place in the state should have a place where NR is not draw and R is.
3. BOG must push the legislature for higher license fees and additional fees for lucky permit draw areas.
4. Agree the surveying for sheep over the season is not good. Looks bad if you were on the ground and on a final stalk when a super cub flies over & spooks your rams off. When you work that hard to get in place then bam the sheep are gone. Can take a week to locate if you ever do. One problem on not surveying is guides who have older hunter that are not capable of being in the field 10-12 days would not have much opportunity for a successful sheep hunt. Some might not care, but when a guy finally saves enough money to get to an area to hunt, & is no longer in good shape, they are really not capable of the arduous climbing and hiking ahead.

Good luck with all your decisions. Thank you all BOG members for your willingness to do such a huge task and thankless job.

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