

RC109

To: Board of Game
Concerning Prop 90

I am many things. Among the list I am a farmer, a shepherd, a fiber artist, a hunter, a community supporter.

I cannot put enough stress on how drastic proposition 90 is. In NO feasible way is removing sheep and goats from the clean list an acceptable way to handle the potential spread of the diseases in question. They aren't being tracked on people's boots in the back country, they aren't dormant in soil or fecal matter, they aren't carrying in the wind for miles, they aren't traveling in the waterways. EXTERMINATING domestic sheep and goats is not an option. The fact that this proposal is even being considered is heinous. The justification for maintaining the importance of prop 90 by passing it now, but delaying the enforcement for 2 years is a threat to the peace and goodwill of those affected.

Supporters of proposition 90 are being deceptive in their goals and motives, and have ZERO interest in the livestock.

Opponents of proposition 90 truly have concern for both sides of the equation. We don't want the Dall sheep to get sick, we want to be responsible livestock owners and maintain healthy animals. We want to hunt, we want to farm, we want to hike the backcountry, we want to milk our pet goat. We want to prevent nose to nose contact, especially if there is a contamination concern!! We don't need to be threatened by the Wsf to "pass the proposition now so that we have your undivided attention until we reach a solution 'or else!!' "

What an awful scare tactic.

Sincerely,
Megan Hamlin
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(we have wonderful flock of sheep in Fairbanks, and have imported 4 lambs from the lower 48 in the past 2 years.)