

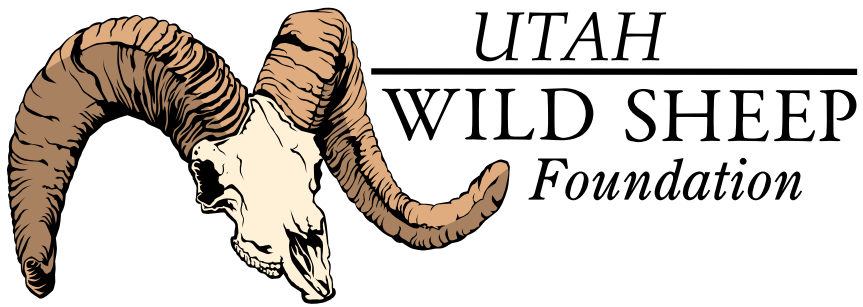


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Foundation Magazine



2022-2023 Edition



Mission Statement

The purpose of Utah WSF is to promote and enhance increasing populations of indigenous wild sheep to Utah, to safeguard against the decline or extinction of such species, and to fund programs for professional management of these populations, keeping all administrative costs to a minimum.

We are vigorously involved in the conservation, propagation and intensive management of the remaining wild sheep populations and their habitats. The Foundation annually funds a wide variety of meaningful and essential projects with some major areas of consideration being; wildlife enhancement, management, the re-establishment of wild sheep, and sportsmen's rights.



On the Cover:

Steve Harris, Utah Desert Bighorn
with Mossback Outfitters

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Message From The President

Travis Jenson

With the 2022 hunting season winding down and success pictures being submitted, I can't help but appreciate how far Sheep hunting in Utah has come and how much improved the trophy quality and hunt expectations are now, versus just 10-15 years ago. In a State where a 160" Desert ram was top-end, a new State record ram was harvested this fall that is pushing the 180" mark. A 162" California ram was harvested last year and in 2019 a 194" Rocky was harvested on the Range Creek unit.

I credit the improved genetics and trophy quality to the transplant work that has taken place, and continues to take place, in our great State. This year we successfully established a Desert Bighorn sheep nursery herd from Nevada's Muddy Mountains, one of the best trophy producing units the silver state has to offer. We also captured and released, as a supplemental transplant, Rockies from Arizona's Eagle Creek unit to Antelope Island. This was the first time Rockies have been moved out of the State of Arizona and did I mention the Eagle Creek herd consistently produces 180" plus rams, not to mention the 2.5-year-old Montana rams on Antelope Island are 30"x15".

In the last few years, Utah has been the recipient of California Bighorns from both Washington and Oregon, Rockies from both Montana (Rocky Boy Indian Reservation) and Arizona, and has twice received Desert Bighorns from Nevada. The "good old days" of sheep hunting in Utah are happening right now, and with disease free transplant stock's of Rockies, Deserts and California Bighorns now available in-State, we



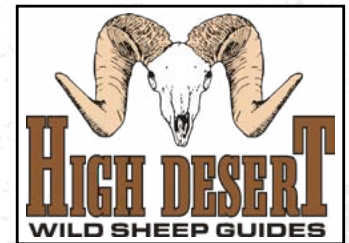
anticipate being able to continue to supplement existing populations going forward.

I would like to thank all of our conservation partners in Utah and throughout the West, who have helped facilitate the aforementioned transplant work! Utah is now officially on the map as a trophy State for wild sheep and the future looks very exciting!

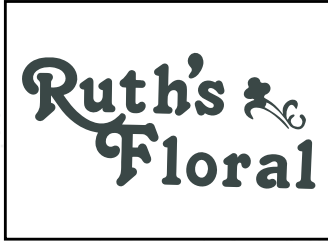
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—President, Utah WSF

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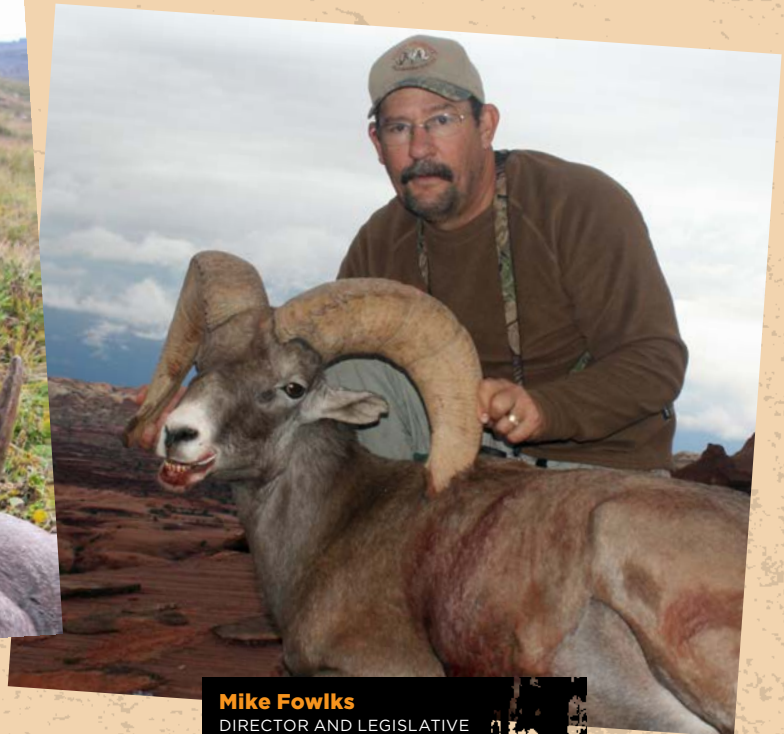


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The Utah WSF Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of Mike Fowlks and Greg King as new members of the Board, filling the vacancies created by the resignations of Kristin Hunsaker and Travis Jenson. Mr. Jenson has retained his position as President of the organization.

Mr. Fowlks' background and very successful career with the Utah DWR, and extensive conservation work with the NWTf and other conservation organizations makes him a fantastic addition to the current Board. Mr. Fowlks will be heading legislative affairs for the organization in addition to helping with conservation projects and fundraising/banquet activities.

Mr. King's background in the financial industry and passion for the pursuit of wild sheep throughout North America make him an ideal co-chairman of the financial advisory committee. In addition to focusing his efforts on growth of the organization's endowment fund and Legacy Society, Mr. King will also be working on fundraising/banquet activities.

There is a lot of hands-on work being done, so if you are interested in volunteering or becoming involved in one of the organization's committees, please reach out to us on one of our social media sites or contact us at www.utahwsf.org.

—Respectfully,
The Utah WSF Board of Directors

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Utah WSF Conservation Permit revenue and Project Funding 2019-2022



2019 & 2020 Combined Conservation Permit Revenue

2019 & 2020 Combined Conservation Permit Revenue \$1,371,800

2019-2021 Project Funding

UTAH DWR Project Funding \$809,751

UTAH WSF Project Funding \$594,327

2021 Conservation Permit Revenue

2021 Conservation Permit Revenue \$852,400

2022 Conservation Permit Funding

Funds Remitted to DWR for Projects: \$297,000

UTAH WSF Project Funding: \$515,598

2022 Conservation Permit Revenue

2022 Conservation Permit Revenue: \$990,000

2023 Conservation Permit Funding to Date

2023 Conservation Permit Funding to Date: \$555,413

During this time frame, Utah WSF completed in excess of 100 projects, including habitat, water improvements, capture and transplant, grazing allotment purchases, collaring, and disease testing projects.





Utah WSF Endowment Fund

In 2018 the Utah WSF Endowment Fund was established. This process included creation of: an Endowment Fund policy document; an independent financial advisory board; and the retention of a professional financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. In the last 3 years the balance of our fund has grown by over 30%.

2020 was the perfect example of why an endowment fund is critical to the future of Utah WSF. Without the ability to host a banquet our organization lost an entire year of fundraising revenue. As a result, we were forced to be very conservative in our utilization of retained revenue.

In order to guarantee our ability to complete habitat projects, transplants, and ensure the future of wild sheep in Utah, Utah WSF has to be able to fund projects on an annual basis.

Our endowment fund is limited by policy to using the earnings from the fund for operating expenses. Principle balances are protected and disbursements from earnings must be approved by both the Financial Advisory Board and the

General Board of Utah WSF. Our goal is to continue to grow our current modest principal balance so that in time, the fund will be able to guarantee that Utah WSF will always to be able to operate and that these critical wild sheep projects will be funded.

Donating appreciated stocks allows an individual to avoid capital gains and still get the full value donated as a charitable contribution.

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and still get the full value donated as a charitable contribution. Contact Neil H. Hullinger, Wealth Management Advisor at (801) 426-6006 with questions or to participate.

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| 1 | Dallas Smith | Bronze |
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| 3 | Travis Jenson | Bronze |

The Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Legacy Society was created in 2022 as a way for Utah WSF supporters to contribute to the organization, and the pursuit of its mission statement, beyond the levels offered by regular or life memberships.

The Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Legacy Society has five Benefactor Levels enabling tax deductible, donor-directed gifts starting at \$500 per year. Donations may be directed to the Utah WSF Endowment Fund or to fund specific Utah WSF projects. Legacy Society members may join at any level and apply any previous level of donation to the next level at any time during or subsequent to their donation being made. Legacy Society members will be recognized with gifts recognizing their contribution to the society.

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| • Silver | \$10,000 |
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- Endowment Fund
- Specific Utah WSF project
- Greatest area of need

Contributions may be made at or above \$500 per year with gifting levels being recognized once the minimum benefactor level is achieved. The Utah WSF Endowment Fund Policy document is available on our website at www.utahwsf.org Utah Wild Sheep Foundation is a 501(c)3 non profit organization and any contribution made to the organization is fully tax deductible.

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Bighorn Sheep Management in Utah

Rusty Robinson, Utah DWR
Once-in-a-Lifetime Coordinator



In 2022, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), with the help of Utah Wild Sheep Foundation and other partners, was able to make great strides in Bighorn sheep management. In June, the UDWR collaborated with Nevada Department of Wildlife to capture 31 Desert Bighorns from the Valley of Fire State Park near Lake Mead, and transplant them to a secure Bighorn nursery facility near Tabiona, Utah. The facility located on SkyRider Wilderness Ranch, owned by Young Living, is the first of its kind, and the collaboration with a private landowner is an innovative approach to Bighorn management. The ability to house wild Bighorns in a high fence enclosure, protected from disease, will allow for future transplants in order to reintroduce and augment Bighorn populations. Additional nursery locations for other subspecies are also being sought out. The UDWR has also completed and is utilizing a quarantine facility in Springville where Bighorns can be isolated pending disease testing.

The UDWR also collaborated with the Arizona Game and Fish Department in October to transplant 27 Bighorns from Morenci, Arizona to Antelope Island to augment the growing population initiated in 2020 from the Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana. The two combined source herd genetics will be a unique blend, and both show potential for impressive horn growth. Antelope Island serves as a nursery herd for Rocky Mountain Bighorns to facilitate transplants, which are anticipated in the future as the population continues to grow.

The UDWR has collaborated with local universities on a number of Bighorn research

objectives in recent years including a BYU study on Antelope Island since the transplant in 2020 in order to document reproduction, survival, limiting factors, and test population modeling techniques to aid future management. There is also an ongoing study taking place on the Zion unit in collaboration with USU to identify limiting factors, survival, and predation rates of that Bighorn population.

Another exciting development is the introduction of a new Desert Bighorn sheep hunt on the Mineral Mtns beginning in 2024. After a successful reintroduction of Bighorns to the Mineral Mtns in 2019, the population has grown, and rams have aged, to a point where it can support a hunt. This is great news and a major success for Bighorn conservation and sportsmen alike.

There are currently around 2,900 Desert Bighorn sheep and 1,600 Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep in Utah. Despite the challenges and setbacks that face Bighorn sheep, they continually bounce back. Utah remains at the cutting edge of Bighorn research and management and is fully invested in the conservation of Bighorn sheep throughout the state. Without organizations like the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation and passionate individuals that invest their time, money, and energy, this would not be possible. The UDWR wishes to thank all who care about the future of Bighorn sheep in Utah. It is not an easy journey, but the cause is well worth the effort. The future of Bighorn sheep is bright and we value our continued partnership with the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain.



Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep

Xaela Walden DWR District Biologist
Elicia Cotcher DWR Wildlife Specialist



Antelope Island's Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep (RMBS) population is making a huge comeback and it's a win for Utah and sportsmen alike. The island was depopulated, after pneumonia was detected on the Island in 2018. Although the depopulation was devastating, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) along with several sportsmen groups, including the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF), worked to reestablish a new population of Bighorn sheep. Efforts have been and continue to be made to ensure the success of the new nursery herd on the Island.

Antelope Island has historically provided incredible Bighorn sheep hunting opportunities, on and off the island. In 1997, Antelope Island became Utah's first and only RMBS nursery population when 23 Bighorn sheep from British Columbia were introduced. In 2000, an additional six sheep from Winnemucca, Nevada were added to improve genetic diversity. More than 35 sportsmen have had the opportunity to hunt Bighorn sheep on the island, generating millions of dollars. The revenue generated from these permits has been used to improve habitat on the island and support wildlife conservation efforts. Furthermore, Bighorn sheep from Antelope Island have been transplanted to start new populations or supplement existing ones. DWR translocated 110 sheep to the Stansbury Mountains, 49 sheep to the Newfoundland Mountains, and 80 sheep to the Oak Creeks. These transplants enabled over 130 permits to be issued in these areas.

Following twenty years of success, *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae* (M. Ovi) was detected on the island. In November 2018, two GPS collared Bighorn died. Biologists investigated the mortalities and sent full carcasses to the laboratory for disease testing. Within a month, lab results came back positive for M. Ovi, which is a respiratory pathogen that often has high mortality rates in Bighorn sheep. Due to the lethality of the disease, the DWR acted immediately and made efforts to determine how this outbreak impacted the population. Prior to detecting M. Ovi, the population estimate was approximately 150 sheep. On an aerial survey conducted in December 2018, only 26 sheep were observed. The population crashed. With limited options, DWR depopulated the island to ensure the disease was eliminated from the island prior to reestablishing more sheep. Depopulation efforts took several months to ensure no sheep were left on the island; these efforts included using trail cameras on water sources and conducting both foot and aerial surveys. Out of precaution and some ambiguity around pneumonia at the time, 130 bison, pronghorn, and deer were tested for M. Ovi, to ensure the disease wasn't being carried by an unexpected host.

With the island being disease free, many partners got the ball rolling to introduce new sheep. Utah WSF reached out to DWR and made us aware of an opportunity of a lifetime. Rocky Boy Reservation, Montana had an abundance of sheep and KUIU had built a relationship with the Reservation, facilitating an opportunity to capture and move sheep from

Rocky Boy. Many partners, including KUIU and Utah WSF stepped in to capture 25 sheep via helicopter net gunning and relocated the sheep to their new home on Antelope Island. All of the sheep were tested for disease and fit with GPS collars. Additionally, pregnancy status was determined for all ewes. Within 24 hours of the last sheep loaded into the trailer, the lab called with great news. The sheep were all negative for M. Ovi, and their pathogen loads were very low. All the sheep were healthy and ready to be released on the Island. As a huge, excited audience gathered around, KUIU opened the trailer full of sheep. One, two... Twenty Five Bighorn sheep ran up into the cliffs. The new population was off to a great start with 5 rams, 18 ewes and 2 lambs.

After the release, DWR partnered with Brigham Young University (BYU) to monitor lamb parturition timing and recruitment into the population. Since 2020, on the ground lamb surveys have been conducted annually to determine the number of lambs born as well as date of birth. The goal is to use visual observations in conjunction with fine-scale gps collar data to predict Bighorn sheep birth events on a large scale. BYU is developing an algorithm that uses the gps collar data to predict if and when each ewe gave birth. This algorithm looks at turning angle, distance between steps, distance covered and other variables to determine a birth date. If the algorithm produces birth events that match what we observed on the ground the algorithm would then have the potential to identify parturition timing for any RMBS population across the state of Utah. This would be invaluable to DWR because it would help us to better manage Bighorn sheep herds.

In 2020, a total of 13 lambs were observed out of 18 sexually mature collared ewes. The first lamb of the season was born May 4th and the last lamb was born on July 2nd. Typically, Bighorn sheep give birth in a constricted time frame rather than drawn out over a span of nearly two months. However, it is not uncommon for translocated Bighorn sheep to have variable timing of births as they acclimate to their new home's environment. We were excited to see how the Bighorn sheep would adapt to the island over the years. In 2021, a total of 15 lambs were observed out of 15 sexually mature collared ewes, including one set of twins. The first lamb observed in 2021 was born May 6th and the last observed lamb was born June 4th. It only took one year for the average date of birth to move forward by 5 days and the parturition window for all ewes to constrict to under a month. In 2022, 10 lambs were observed from 11 sexually mature collared ewes, including another set of twins. This time, the first observed lamb was born April 27th and the last lamb of the year was born on May 9th. The average date of birth is nearly three weeks earlier than the first year and all births occurred in a two-week span. The sheep appear to have aligned their

birth period to precede vegetative green-up on the island.

In October 2022, UDWR, AZGFD, Utah WSF, KUIU, and SFW teamed up to supplement the Island's RMBS population with 27 additional sheep from Morenci, Arizona. Similar to the first translocation, it was a huge lift from many partners to make this happen. Instead of only using a helicopter crew, as is typical, ground darting crews located and anesthetized sheep within city limits. Morenci has a unique situation where RMBS roam the streets amongst houses and businesses, much like we see with urban deer along the Wasatch Front. A few hundred sheep have been hit and killed by vehicles. This is saddening and also poses a human safety risk. AZGFD has made every effort possible to reduce the number of sheep in town by darting and relocating them. This, however, was the first time AZGFD sent sheep from Morenci or any other RMB unit out of state of AZ. A few sheep were caught in town using darts and the remainder of the sheep were caught via helicopter net gunning adjacent to town. Similar to the previous translocation, sheep were collared and tested for disease, although one lamb was too small to be fitted with a collar. This effort took a few days to complete, so the RMBS were sent to the island in two groups, each released as soon as we received the green light from the lab indicating the sheep tested negative for M. Ovi.

Since the second release, the sheep are doing well. There are 36 collared sheep and approximately 25-30 uncollared sheep on the island. DWR and Antelope Island State Park implemented a couple strategies to prevent another disease outbreak and to reach and sustain our population objective of 125 sheep. The State Park used some of the revenue from permits to construct an 11.5 mile-high fence along the south end of the island to prevent animals from traveling between the mainland and the island. Additionally, DWR developed a geofence to notify biologists within 24 hours if a collared sheep leaves the island. To reduce the likelihood of rams wandering off the island, searching for breeding opportunities, DWR plans to maintain relatively low ram:ewe ratios. We will also continue to conduct lamb surveys each Spring to monitor recruitment with the help of WSF and other volunteers.

The success of these translocations and reestablishing a RMBS nursery herd on Antelope Island is attributed to the incredible dedication, effort and time our partners have invested. These types of tangible conservation goals aren't possible without partners such as Utah Wild Sheep Foundation, KUIU and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, so Thank You for supporting wildlife conservation.

2022 Townsend Youth Conservation Award Winner

Autumn Richmond



This award is dedicated in the memory of Butch Townsend. Butch was passionate and dedicated much of his life to wild sheep. He sat on the Wild Sheep Foundation Board of Directors. Butch was a visionary. He knew that without kids on the mountain there wouldn't be sheep on the mountain in the future. Thus, wife Kathy and he made considerable investments in putting and keeping kids on the mountain with wild sheep. This award recognizes exceptional youth conservation efforts each year.

We would like to recognize Autumn Richmond as the 2022 Butch Townsend Youth Conservation Award Winner at Utah WSF. In addition, as the Utah winner, she was nominated for and won the national award which was presented to Autumn at the Sheep Show in Reno!

Autumn impressed the organizers with her help and participation in many wildlife banquets, her help with conservation projects like youth fishing events and youth pheasant hunt events, her participation in meetings to discuss putting Desert sheep on the Mineral Mountains. She got to be there when they released the sheep out of the trailer and onto the Mineral Mountains. She also helped with putting transmitting collars on Mountain goats and she got to be the scribe on the project and wrote down all the data that the wildlife biologists collected from the goats.



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THE SECOND CHANCE *Ram*

Ashley Johnson
Utah Rocky Mtn Bighorn

It all started when my husband Bryant called me and said, “One of the three of us drew a sheep tag!”

Which meant, either me, our daughter, Kymber, or Bryant had drawn as our credit card had been hit. On the day we received the confirmation emails we invited some friends over for a reveal party!

Kymber was first to check her email. I thought maybe she was going to get super lucky and be the one to draw with only 3 points. Nope, it wasn't her. I was up next. As I sat down, I was sure it wasn't going to be me because my husband had the most points. I opened the email and I was shocked. I was the lucky one that drew the “once-in-a-lifetime” Rocky Mountain sheep tag with only 15 points! There was a lot of excitement for sure!

On my first day of hunting we woke up before daylight and set out for a long, rough 4-wheeler ride to the end of a rough road. We stopped along

the way to glass, without any luck. We finally made it to the end of the road and set out for a hike along the rim of a canyon that Bryant knew held sheep. We glassed down into the abyss as we progressed along the canyon rim. When we got to our destination, we glassed into the Price River corridor and spotted several bands of sheep with a few rams in them. One ram looked big, but Bryant didn't think I should shoot it this early in the hunt. We left that evening with high expectations for the rest of the hunt.

Later in the week we headed back into sheep country with some family and friends. The next morning we were up early to hunt for my ram. Bryant asked our friend Boyd to hang back and glass the corridor along the road on his way in, as he felt it often gets overlooked. We left Boyd behind and started the long haul in, on the rough old road. We spotted some sheep in a canyon while





driving in and we caught a glimpse of a heavy ram that moved out of sight before we could get a scope on him. Cell service was very poor, but my dad received a message from Boyd saying they had spotted a big ram but couldn't reach anyone. We drove to a high point to get better radio service. Boyd explained that he had located a big ram, but had to leave him to get service. Boyd described the ram as a heavy broomed, "hammer" whose horns tipped slightly up. Having no luck relocating the ram we briefly saw, we decided to go try and relocate the big ram Boyd had found. We planned to drop in above where Boyd had seen the ram.

Bryant, our friend Wes, and I were hiking in, when we got a call that Boyd found the ram back where he had first seen him several hours prior. We hoofed it to Boyd as quick as we could—or I should say, I could—and got down to where Boyd, my parents and Bowser, Bryant's older brother, were. A plan

was made to hike across the Price River to get closer to the ram. By this time, it was late afternoon and the sun was slowly sinking in the west. Bryant, myself, and Wes got set up where we thought the ram would most likely work his way around to.

We were settling in when Bryant looked up to see the ram and his ewe looking at us at 585 yards away. I quickly got my 7mm-08 set up on the tripod. The low, setting sun was glaring in my face as I tried to see the ram through my scope. Bryant told me the ram was a good, older class ram and dialed the scope up for the distance. Wes tried to block the sun. I settled the crosshairs on the ram's front shoulder, exhaled, and slowly squeezed the trigger. The shot felt good, but the ram bolted and ran out of sight. When we reviewed the video, we determined that I had hit the ram in the neck just in front of the shoulder without striking bone or the windpipe. We sent Wes up high to the last spot



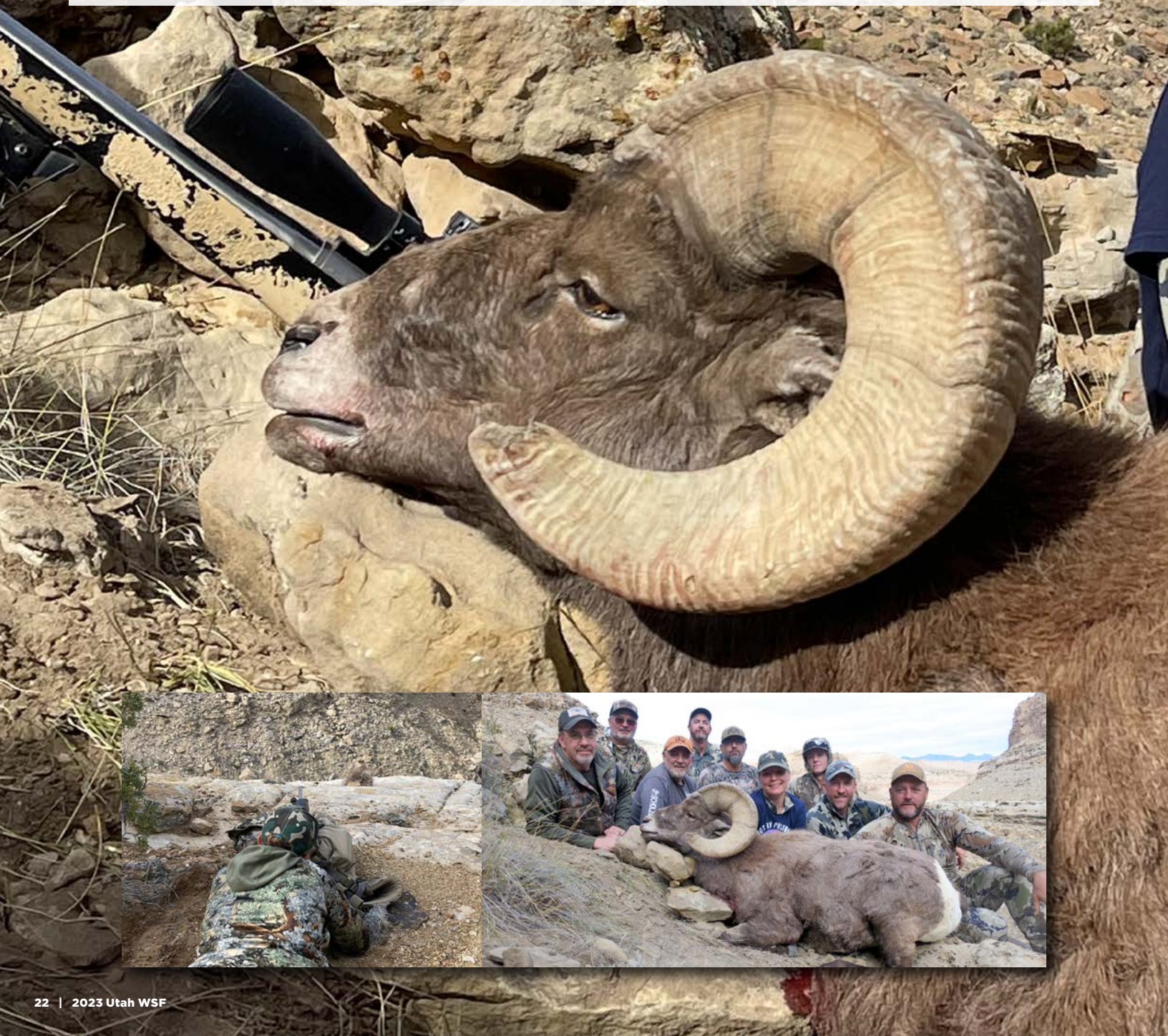
where the ram had been, while Bryant and I hurried around the bottom end of the canyon.

Wes called on the radio and said there was a lot of blood and started to follow the blood trail. We then started the steep climb up through the broken ledges to help Wes on the blood trail. It was getting late and the blood trail was slowing down to only a small drop every 20-30 yards. We got a GPS marker on it and decided to come back early the next morning.

After a sleepless night we headed out to where Bryant had marked the last blood. As we left the road we crossed over a very fresh ram and ewe track. We followed them for a minute not seeing any blood and not thinking that the wounded ram

would have come that far. Later, when we reached the wounded ram's track and after following what was now only a spot of blood every few hundred yards, we realized the tracks found early that morning were indeed the wounded ram and his ewe. At that point my disappointment hit its lowest. Bryant was saying that the ram was going to live and had gotten away. It was getting late once again and we were all worn out mentally and physically from the long day tracking the ram. Dejected, we headed for camp.

Sunday morning, Bryant's friends from Price came to help. We told everyone to spread out and glass the big canyon. Bryant, Keith, Wes, and I went much higher above everyone else. We had just spotted a ram when our Price friends called on the





radio to say they had found a ram and a ewe. We immediately hiked to a point on the other side of the ridge to check out the ram they had found. We focused the spotting scopes on the ram. He had a familiar look and a dark spot of dried blood on his neck! We all stared in disbelief, it was my ram and he was almost 8 miles from where I had first hit him two days earlier.

The ram and his ewe were bedded down, unaware of our presence some 600 yards above. Boyd's son Keith, Bryant, and I left Wes at that point as we were certain we could get closer. We slowly worked our way down through several layers of ledges while Wes kept eyes on the ram. We finally were able to crawl out on the edge of the canyon 190 yards across from the ram. Laying in the sun half asleep the ram had no idea we were there. Bryant had me set up on the rifle but did not want me taking the shot until the ram stood up. As the ram stood he was quartering away and I was ready and squeezed the trigger.

He dropped immediately and I thought it was over

until kicked and started rolling! He tumbled over the edge of a small cliff and rolled end over end before coming to a stop just a foot from a much bigger cliff to the bottom of the canyon. I could hear family and friends' celebrations echoing through the canyon from over a mile away. We gathered up our packs, optics and equipment before hiking up canyon a half mile to access the canyon I had shot my ram in. We then crawled through the boulders and made our way to my ram.

When I got to my magnificent ram, I was relieved to have closed the deal on the one I had already shot! The country my ram lived in was rugged, incredibly relentless, and starkly beautiful. This sheep hunt was one of the hardest things I have ever had to push myself through. I am not a huge fan of heights and I am not the most sure-footed person in the world. I had the best people there helping including Bryant, my mom and dad, Layne Bowser, our friends Keith, Boyd, Wes, Marleen, and Bryant's friend Kurt from Price who brought a couple great spotting buddies, Drew and Jason, who found my ram early on Sunday morning. Thanks to everyone involved!

THE *Halloween* BIGHORN

Bill Christensen, Utah Rocky Mountain Bighorn

Greg Bird, sheep expert and biologist, frowned as he stared down at the dry watering trough of the guzzler. Troy Justensen, President of SFW and longtime guide, and I grimly shook our heads. It was September on the east side of the Newfoundland Mountains on the northwest end of the Great Salt Lake. Troy had graciously volunteered to take me scouting and help me on my once-in-a-lifetime Utah Rocky Mountain Sheep hunt. Having drawn with 21 preference points, I was chomping at the bit to experience sheep hunting, just like one of my hunting heroes, Jack O'Connor. We had traveled west over the railroad trestle road across the Great Salt Lake, with special permission from the state taking water to this dry range, like most of Utah, suffering through a summer drought.

Arriving to a dry guzzler, with a few hopeful sheep within eyesight, was upsetting to say the least. Leaving me to do some glassing, Troy and Greg made several hours of trips with 20-gallon containers of water strapped on 4-wheelers. When we drove back east across the lake at dusk, with a big flatbed trailer with an empty 500-gallon tank, it was with hope the sheep could make it through. How will this drought impact my sheep hunt? I thought to myself; more importantly, how can the largest herd of Bighorn sheep and the nursery herd survive this ongoing dry spell.

After a couple scouting trips, my late October hunt finally arrived. My buddies Dave, Joel and Decker, and I arrived at our camping spot at the crossroads of the roads leading to the east side and west side of the Newfoundland Mountains. This remote, wild and steep desert range of mountains was a mining hotspot in days gone by. Camp setup, we decided to explore the west side of the range and ended up in Miner's Basin. All of us piled into my Pioneer, we stopped within 800 yards of the mountain and

set up spotting scopes. We immediately found a group of sheep with 3 nice rams. They were pretty far up the mountain from the basin floor, probably more than halfway. Looking down at my chubby midsection, and not being a spring chicken anymore, I knew this hunt would be a test. Bottom line, even with extensive walking, I was still way out of shape. We continued to glass and discuss possible plans for the next morning. There were at least 2 other groups of hunters in the basin, and we knew they had watched the sheep too. A beautiful, almost full moon rose on that Halloween Eve and of course sleep came slowly to this old hunter.

Although warm during the day, we woke to a frigid, freezing morning. We took off in the dark and thought we beat the 4 or 5 camps that morning. The chilled predawn air in the open Honda made sure we were all fully awake. We were hopeful as we turned up the rocky and rutted side road into Miner's Basin, no other hunters were in view as dawn was approaching. As we got closer, we dropped off Joel and Dave to set up scopes; suddenly a parked 4wheeler and 2 standing hunters materialized in the weak light. We wanted to pass, but they were there first. We went up and visited with them. They were two hunters who knew the mountain and sheep hunting. I won't mention their names out of respect to their wishes, but these Box Elder hunters would prove to be an integral part of my hunt. They graciously allowed us to continue, so Decker and I traveled within 200 yards of the base of the mountain. A while later, our new friends passed us. They stopped at the base. Glassing, my heart leaped as I spied the group of sheep we had watched the night before. They were only 200 to 300 yards up the mountain. They were rutting—the rams were pushing the ewes and posturing with each other.



We slowly and as quietly as possible went up and met with the other hunters. They were watching the biggest of the rams. They were helping a friend, a young lady from Brigham City. But it was the first day and they had scouted a few bigger rams. They offered me the opportunity to pursue the ram. We slowly drove south, along the base of the mountain, then got out and snuck along until we had a good view of the sheep above. The biggest ram was darker than the others and I started to get excited with anticipation. One of the new friends stayed with me and the other went further south to watch.

We got into position to make a shot. I was using the beautiful 6.5 PRC Browning lightweight rifle with a Huskemaw scope—which, having recently retired, was given to me by Troy Justensen and the SFW membership for recognition of my 30-year career as RMEF Utah Regional Director. Their thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. The rifle was amazing and every shot at the practice range was dead on, even at long range. This shot was under 200 yards, but I was shaking like a first-time hunter. I haven't experienced buck fever since I was

a teenager. Even with my new friend calmly talking me through it, I must admit I missed a few times. After the first hit he thankfully ran downhill and finally stopped at about 350 yards. I squeezed the trigger and he dropped out of sight. Was he down in one of the many rocky ravines? The second new friend had circled below us to a little raised point to try and see the ram.

Finally, a big whistle and arm waving. Sheep down! I unloaded and the backslapping and smiles and laughter began. Joel and Dave came up and joined the celebration. By the time I got to my sheep he was already prepped for pictures and quickly our new-found friends were caping and boning out the meat. As we worked on the ram, we heard the crack of rams knocking heads above us in the basin—it was magical. A life-long dream fulfilled! The day was filled with lots of old stories and laughter. I wanted to open the cooler and stare at that beautiful bighorn ram all day. I couldn't get enough of him! That night as the Halloween moon rose above our quiet camp, I felt gratitude for the good company, good friends, great sheep conservation, and new-found friends.

007

Kash Kay's
Utah Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt
written by Kent Kay



It took Ward Turner 36 years and 26 bonus points to finally draw his once-in-a-lifetime Desert sheep tag. A moment that will forever bless Kash and the rest who were fortunate enough to be part of the memories that were made, because—through mutual friends—Kash was given the opportunity of being mentored by Ward on this sheep hunt. A dream that most hunters never have the opportunity to fulfill. It is a dream I have personally had my entire life. He may not completely grasp it now, but one day Kash will come to find out how lucky he truly is.

Both Kash and I want to thank all those who were involved in accomplishing our goal of bringing down the incredible ram we called 007. Sheep hunting is a team effort and 007 was a ram that took just that. He had become a legend in southern Utah due to the fact that he had survived 12 long years. He persevered through each hunting season, predators, and the brutality of mother nature. He sported a red ear tag marked with the #7, therefore the name 007. Only a handful of people had ever seen him on the hoof during hunting season, so we knew it was probably going to take a lot of work and patience to find this old warrior.

Brad Turner, myself, and the rest of the team had set a goal to harvest 007. Many trips had been made and many days during the hunt had come and gone. It wasn't until Saturday, November

12th that my brother Kody and I were back down looking for 007. As I settled into my glassing point I couldn't believe my eyes. I counted 50 sheep in the drainage. Then, almost like a dream, my eye caught something. It was the red ear tag! Countless hours had been spent envisioning what it would be like to finally see it and there it was. My first thought was "This is not happening." I couldn't believe my eyes. The old ram had finally presented himself. Those fortunate enough to have hunted giant sheep know exactly what it's like when a ram of his caliber steps out and dwarfs every other big sheep on the mountain.

I motioned my brother Kody over to help keep an eye on him. Then I attempted to get a hold of my good friends, Wes and Mark Hogan. The hope was to get Kash and Ward up to us before dark. We began to strategize different game plans. We all knew the one thing that could go wrong was if the one remaining tag holder showed up. The next hour had us glued to our scopes and mesmerized as we watched the most beautiful Desert Bighorn we had ever seen. As we sat there admiring him, we began to hear a faint familiar sound. It didn't take much time to figure out what it was. It was a four wheeler coming up the draw right below the sheep. Anyone who has spent time hunting, knows it always comes with a little bad luck. Sure enough, it was the other



hunter. We sat there helplessly as we watched him load up his pack and start working his way up the ridge towards the ram. We couldn't believe how we were going to sit there and watch another hunter harvest 007 after all the hours spent looking for him.

Just as those who have hunted before know it comes with bad luck, every once in a while you learn it comes with good luck as well. Not 100 yards before the hunter would've been able to see 007 he stood up and fed into a large crevice in the cliffs and out of sight. We had just over three hours until sunset. You can imagine it was the longest three hours of our lives. Each minute passed found us staring at that same small crack in the cliffs, waiting for him to come back out. As the sun slowly began to go down we watched as the hunter began to

pack up all of his gear. Eventually he began walking back towards his wheeler. With each step he took, our excitement grew. We knew Kash was going to have an opportunity to hunt 007.

The next morning it all came together almost like it was meant to be. At first light we located him and put together the game plan. He didn't move far from where he was the night before. We quickly worked our way up the drainage and began the rigorous hike straight up the mountain. It took us just over an hour to make it to the spot we had determined would be our best chance for a shot. We did it with just moments to spare as 007 made his way across the hill above us. He was quickly trying to move down the ridge and out of sight. Had we been minutes later, Kash probably would not have had the opportunity for a shot. Lucky for us 007 worked



his way up and out of a ravine, stopping on a small rock out cropping at 350 yards.

With Ward by his side, Kash steadied the gun and slowly touched off the trigger. For a brief moment, we all felt that eerie panic as 007 took off on a dead run. Luckily, he only made it about 50 yards before tipping over. Kash made the perfect shot! A shot that marked the final chapter of the legend "007". Over the years, I've heard stories of parents who have been able to watch their kids find joy and passion in hunting. I can honestly say I found more excitement and emotion watching Kash complete the goal he had set out to accomplish than I ever would've had if I had been the one that pulled the trigger.

I want to thank Ward and the DWR for putting together the mentoring program which allowed Kash this opportunity. It would be extremely hard to find a more proud and happy 12 year old as Kash was on that incredible morning. Kash was put in for five different states and species and didn't draw a single tag on his first year of eligibility. Thanks to the mentor program Kash was able to start his hunting career with a memory he will never forget.

007 taped out at 175 $\frac{3}{8}$ " gross. His long horn measures an unbelievable 39 $\frac{1}{8}$ "! More than size, the story of this desert ghost is what truly makes him a trophy. Kash is the most kind and thoughtful kid you will ever meet. It couldn't have happened to anyone better. I'm so proud of him.



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Congratulations to Cal Bambrough, Dallan Carter, Lance Newman, Scott Rackman, Shane Nielson, and Wayne Brown for achieving their Full Curl of North American Wild Sheep! It's hard to put into words what this accomplishment means or truly

understand the mental, physical, emotional and financial commitments it takes to achieve what is undoubtedly, one of the most prestigious hunting accomplishments in the world! Congratulations once again gentlemen.

Dallan Carter



What an amazing and magical accomplishment, I have been a hunter, and what I have always figured was a great hunter with many trophies and mounts on the wall to show for it. Then I started sheep hunting - this has been the pinnacle of all hunting experience. I would love to share any of my sheep hunt experiences with you if you would like, just ask!

I would like to show my appreciation to my family for sharing this experience and how thankful I am for them putting up with me for

all the crazy experiences, dollars spent and time away.

I hope my kids can have similar experiences in their lives—maybe better!

To my wife—wow! What an amazing lady to believe in me and let me do whatever the hell I want! She is the best!

Thanks to all those who have inspired me and supported my sheep hunting.

Wayne Brown



My first recollection of anything having to do with wild sheep or sheep hunting was, when I was 8 or 9, reading an article in *Outdoor Life* or *Field and Stream*, I can't remember, but it told a story of an archery hunter who was successful in taking a Desert sheep in Utah. There were no real photos in the magazine article, however dramatically illustrated sketches adorned the pages of the article. These sketches and the lack of a real photo added to the mystery of these sheep I knew nothing about. It would be a decade or more of dreaming before I would actually go on a sheep hunt and two decades before I would take my first sheep—an Alaskan Dall sheep in the Chugach mountains.

In my early 20's I was invited to join a friend who had drawn a Utah desert sheep tag on his hunt. This was my first sheep hunt and I immediately fell in love with pursuing wild sheep in the stunningly beautiful places they reside.

Growing up in a lower working-class family, the means by which I could hunt wild sheep did not come easy. However, all things are attainable with hard work and perseverance. In a nutshell, "Ya Gotta Wanna!" and with a lot of hard work, sacrifice, and a good dash of luck, I was able to complete my goal of taking all four North American wild sheep. I can't explain the feeling I had as I walked up to My Arizona Desert sheep, the last of my four. Accomplishing that goal was something I previously thought was unattainable. These feelings are different for everyone and deeply personal for most. I have witnessed these feelings unleashed with numerous individuals as they sobbed in triumph on the hillside after attaining their dream.

I hope I can continue to help others in achieving this same goal and also donate my resources to preserve wild sheep habitat and the species.



Shane Nielson

In November 1996, I took my Rocky Mountain Bighorn on the Rattlesnake unit, in Utah. My good friend Bill Allard and I hunted for 6 days to take that old ram. I used a handmade 54 cal. muzzleloader with a 435-grain slug, one shot from 80 yards and the 10 1/2-year-old ram was down.

On November 3rd, 2012, my Desert Bighorn was taken on the Escalante unit in southern Utah. I went with High Desert Wild Sheep Guides. We had to go back three times for a total of 16 days! Great guides and good friends helped me! (The Legend Randy Johnson), Brett Caldwell, Bryant Johnson and Brett Miller. Incredibly rugged and amazingly beautiful country. Not for the faint of heart, thanks to Bryant, we got it done on the second to last day.

My Dall Sheep, taken in the NWT with Arctic Red River Outfitters and Tavis Molnar in August of 2019. I spent 15 days hunting sheep and caribou with my son, Dallas, and Guide Kevin Wheale. We took two awesome rams and two caribou with, the tough as hell, Kevin Wheale. It Rained and snowed every day, but it is some of the most beautiful sheep country in the world.

My Stone Sheep was taken in the Yukon with Aaron Florian and Yukon Stone Outfitters on August 21st, 2021. I spent 14 days in that amazing country with Guide, Greg Spenner, and wrangler, Nich, hunting the amazing Pelly mountains! Thank You Aaron for working so hard to pull this hunt off with all this crazy Covid BS, they don't come any better than you!



Scott Rackman

My quest for that "Holy Grail" began back in 2000 when I traveled to Alaska to take my Dall sheep. A month later, I was fortunate to take my Desert ram with my muzzleloader in my home state of Utah with the help of two great sheep hunters in Fred Tarran and Mike Fisher.

In 2002 I traveled to British Columbia with my winning "lotto" ticket, which still had my wife's good luck lipstick lips imprinted on the ticket. I was able to harvest a Stone Sheep hunting with Scoop Lake Outfitters.

For the next 18 years I would sit in my basement looking at those three rams on my wall thinking, "I hope I don't go to my grave

a three-quarter guy." My wife Rose would always bring me back to reality by saying, "Quit your whining. Do you know how many guys would give their left arm just to have taken one of those sheep?"

It was a long 18-year wait before I finally drew my Rocky Mountain Bighorn tag, also in Utah. In 2020 I finished my Full Curl dream with family and friends along for that final quest.

Thank you, Mike Fisher and Rick and Spencer Ellison for all those hours you guys spent behind the glass and for all your help and sheep knowledge. You've made my Full Curl ride an awesome Journey.

Cal Bambrough



My first ram was a Utah Rocky. I beat the odds and drew a Bear Top Mountain tag by Flaming Gorge. Most of the hunt was with my brother Chad. We hiked the Bare Top up to the Thumb a couple times in the roadless area. The day I found my ram we were in a boat in the Sheep Creek area glassing when we spotted 12 rams in Horseshoe Canyon. We watched them until dark and returned the next day. When they came out of the steep cliffs we were able to take the largest ram. He was the oldest ram we had seen at 8 ½,

In 2001 at the UFNAWS banquet I put in for the Arctic Red Dall hunt and was floored to have my name drawn from hundreds of tickets. In August of 2002 I flew to the McKenzie Mountains with friend Greg Bird to hunt Dalls sheep. We harvested a beautiful 10 1/2 yr old 40" ram on the third day of hunting.

In 2011 I drew a Utah Escalante Desert tag. My

two sons Matt and Kade would accompany me on this hunt and I booked with Randy Johnson. Randy brought both his brother Bryant and partner Brett Caldwell. After hiking a couple days to get where we wanted to be took a nice 8 1/2 yr old ram. This was my most physical hunt of the 4.

In 2020 I booked a Fannin hunt with a couple good friends at Blackstone Outfitters in the Yukon. My oldest son Matt came along to be there if I completed all four North American sheep. My guide was 28 yr old "Wonder Girl" guide, Alex Whitelaw. She had grown up in the Yukon in hunting camps with her father who was an Outfitter. She was amazing and put us on a beautiful 10 1/2 yr old Fannin ram on day three. Tears flowed with joy and the sense of accomplishing such an amazing journey.

Lance Newman



In 2011 I drew my Utah Desert sheep tag after applying for my entire life. Like most, once I had done it I couldn't wait to go again! But with the price of tags being what they are, all I could do was dream and save.

In 2014 I was shocked beyond words when they called my name at the Full Curl drawing for an Arctic Red River Dall hunt. That event made it possible for me to actually finish a sheep collection. I could never afford to buy the 2 thin horn sheep hunts, but buying one was doable for me.

I drew a Nevada Desert Bighorn tag and got the chance at hunting them again, I went self-guided just like my first Desert and was

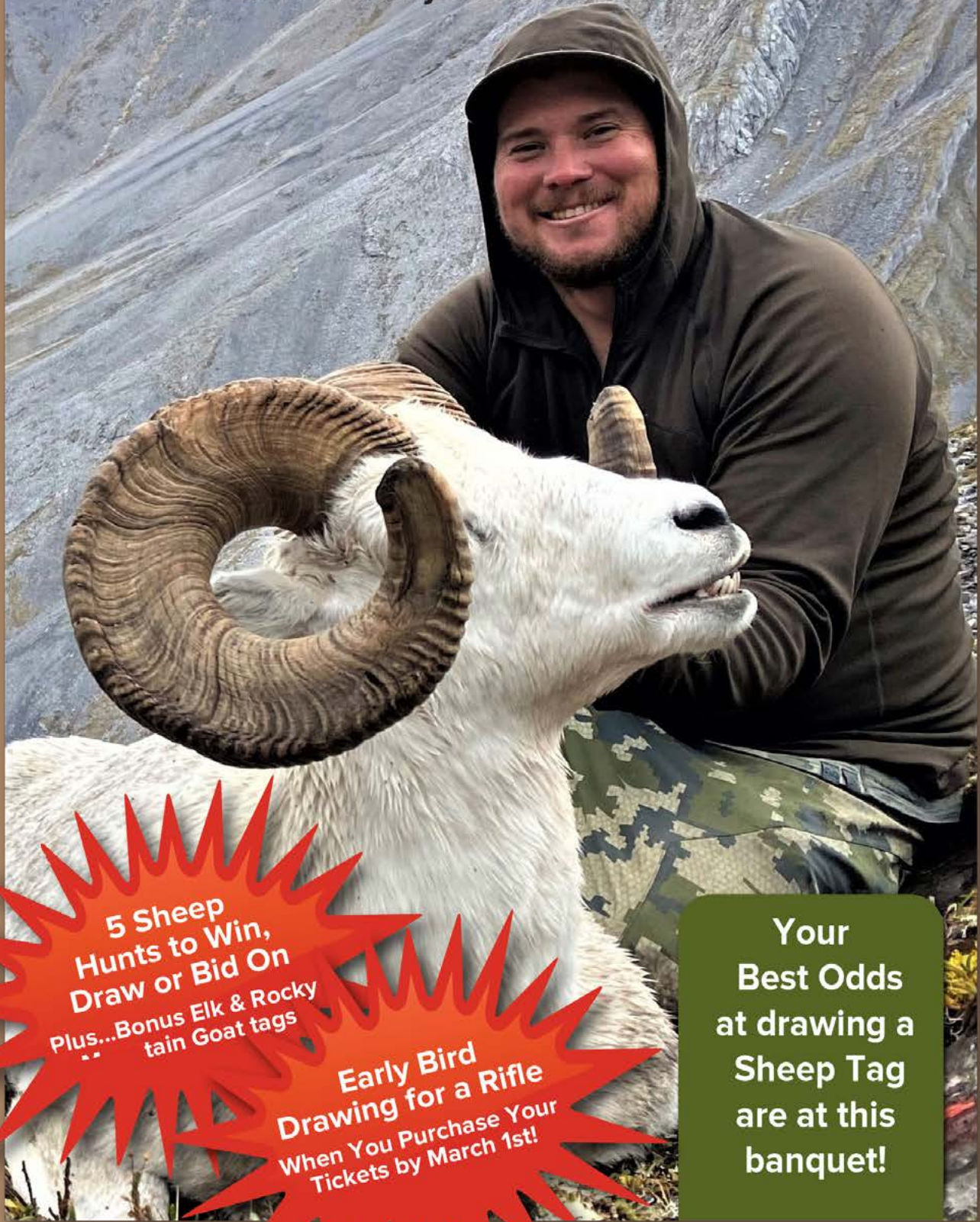
rewarded with a great ram. In 2018 I pulled a tag for a Wyoming Rocky. I booked with Wind River Backcountry Outfitters where I had the good fortune of making it to 3/4 curl status.

In 2019 I went to the sheep show in Reno and booked with Blackstone for 2021. All was well, then Covid hit. It looked bad for being able to cross into Canada. My hunt was August 1st to the 10th. Canada finally announced they would allow US citizens in on August 9th. My outfitter asked if I could come immediately. I was in Canada 11 hours after the border opened to start hunting! I finished my slam with a 10 year-old Fannin. It all worked out for me!

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Once again, we had a record setting banquet in Salt Lake City last April. A new record was set for banquet only revenue of \$166,000, up from our previous banquet record (2021) of \$156,000 and 2019 record of \$132,000. Numerous records were also set for individual conservation permit prices as well as overall conservation permit revenue with the Statewide Bighorn Sheep permit selling for \$250,000! Special thanks to our membership for supporting the organization and its fundraising objectives.

Our 2023 banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at the Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel. By the time you receive this magazine, you should have already received several save the date notices, mailers, etc. Our goal is to once again set a new banquet only revenue record but also up the playing field, so to speak, with more guns, more hunts and an overall more exciting experience for 2023! So please mark our 2023 banquet on your calendars and join us at the Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel to “Help put and keep sheep on Utah’s Mountains”.





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Congratulations to all Utah WSF members who have recently taken sheep. We look forward to a successful year in 2023 as well.

If you have photos of a successful sheep hunt in Utah or elsewhere, you can submit them to us via email at tjenson@xmission.com.

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Adam and Tyler Bronson
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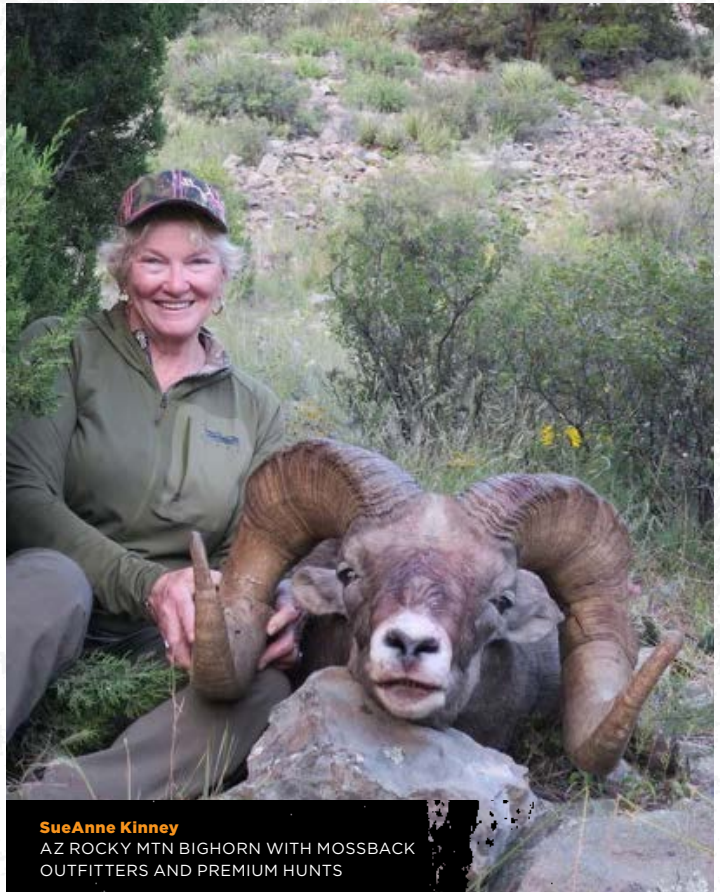
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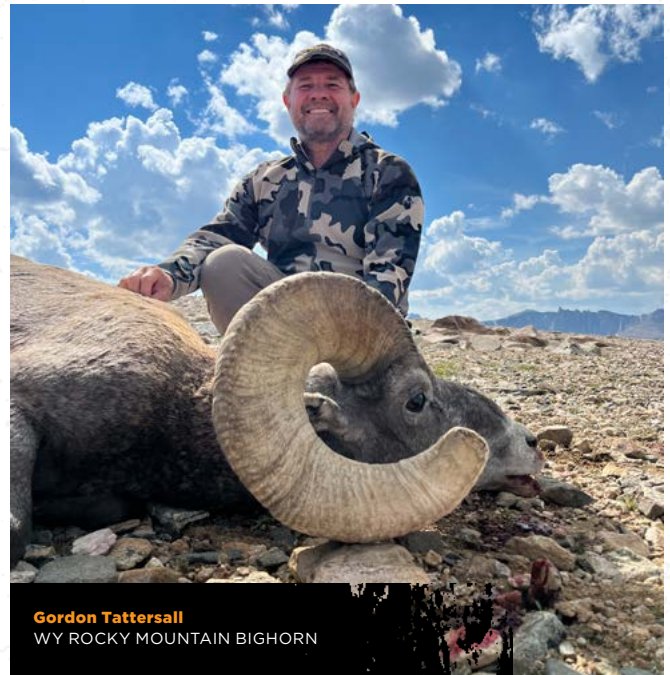


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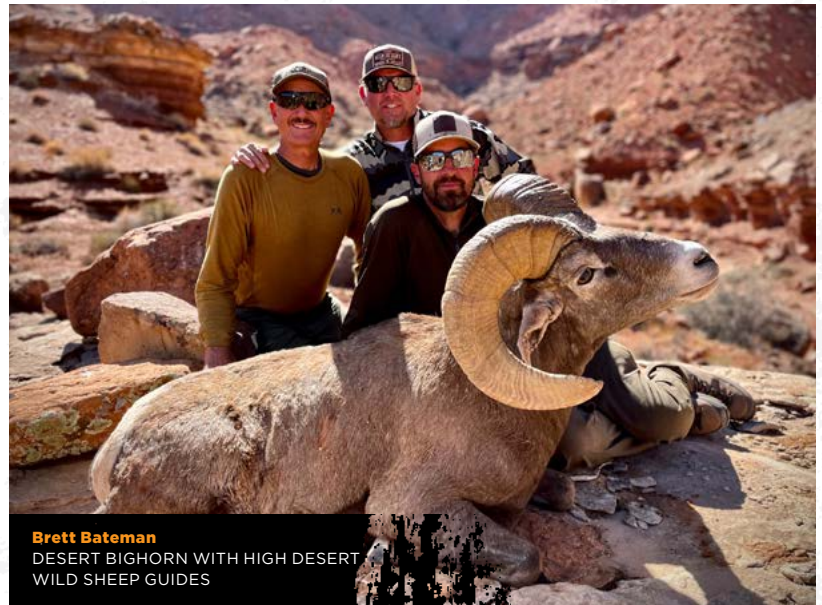
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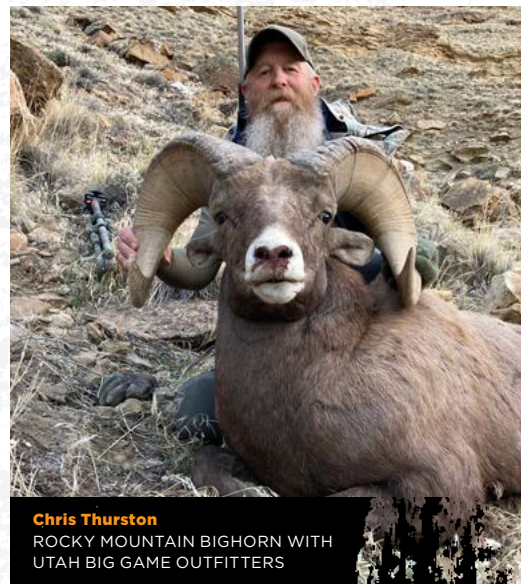
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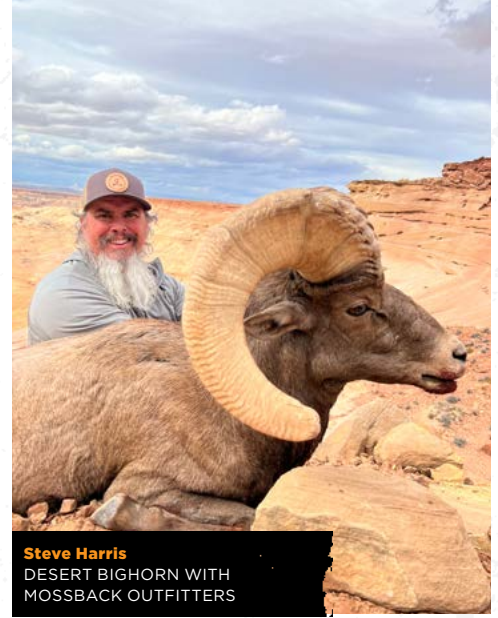
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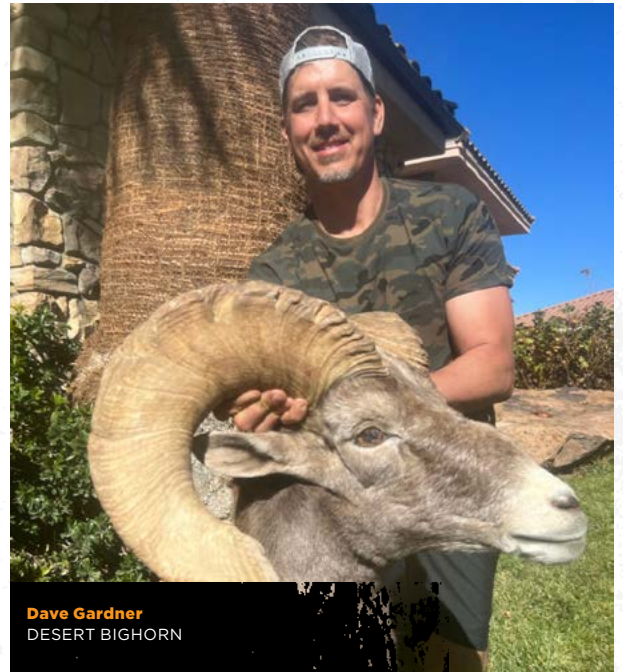
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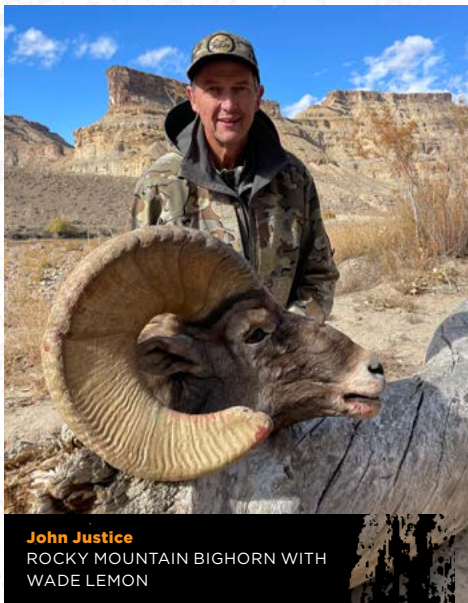
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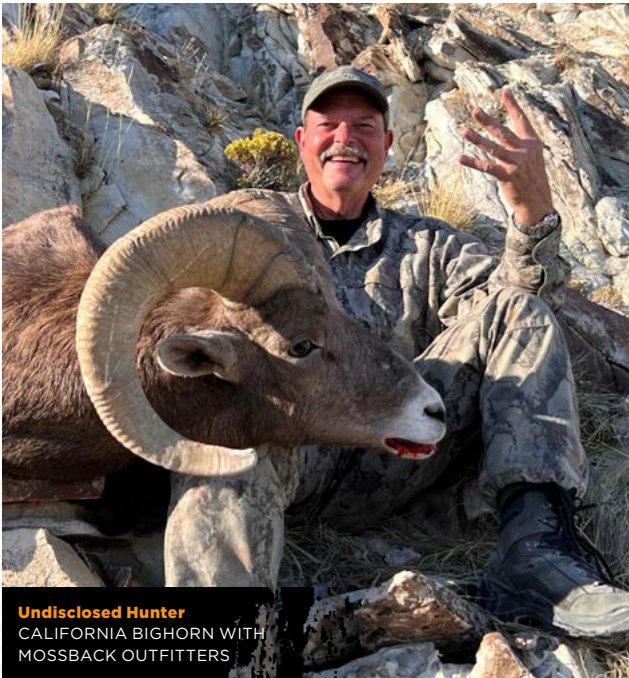
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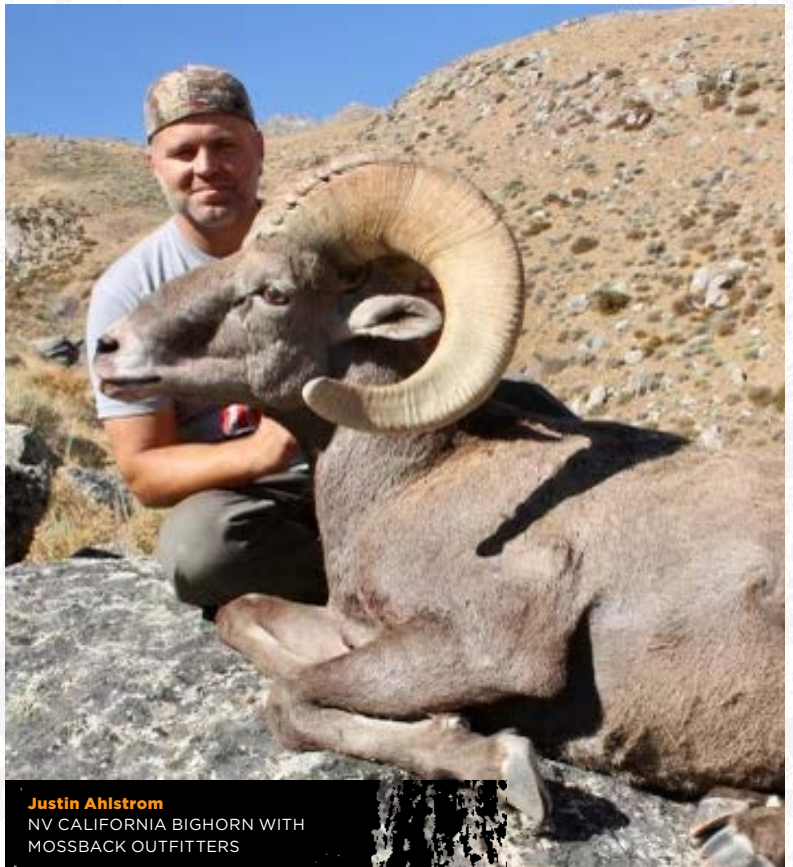
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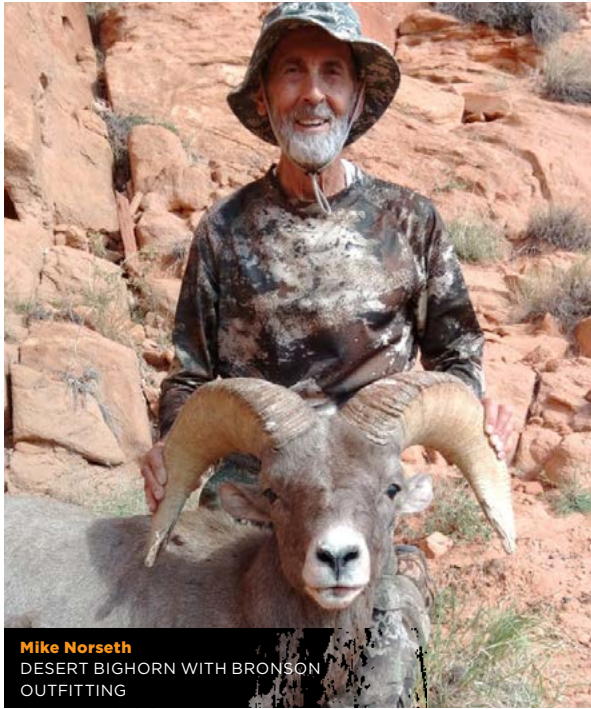
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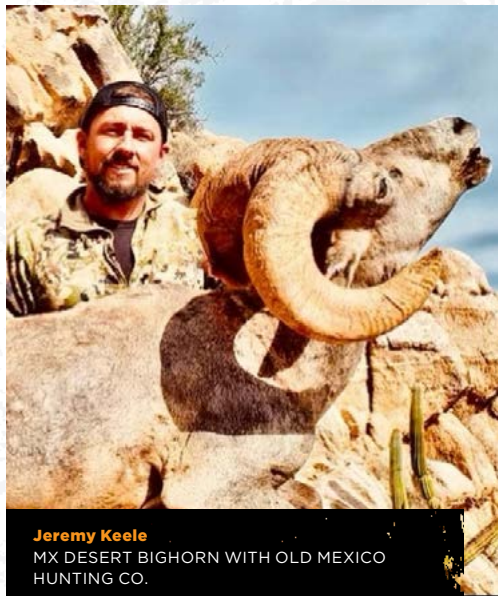
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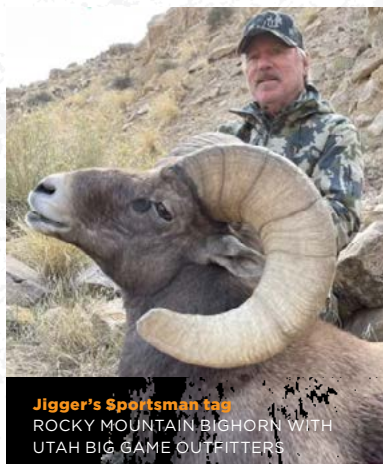
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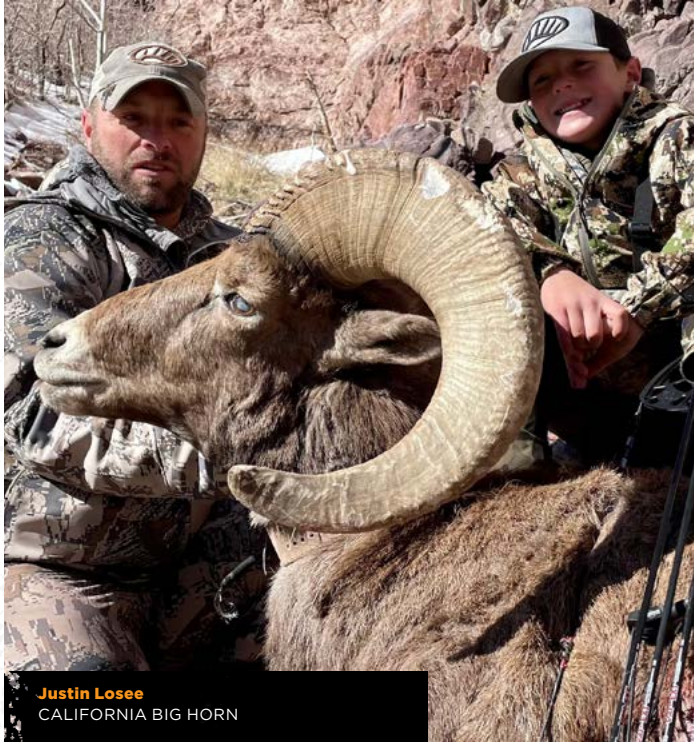
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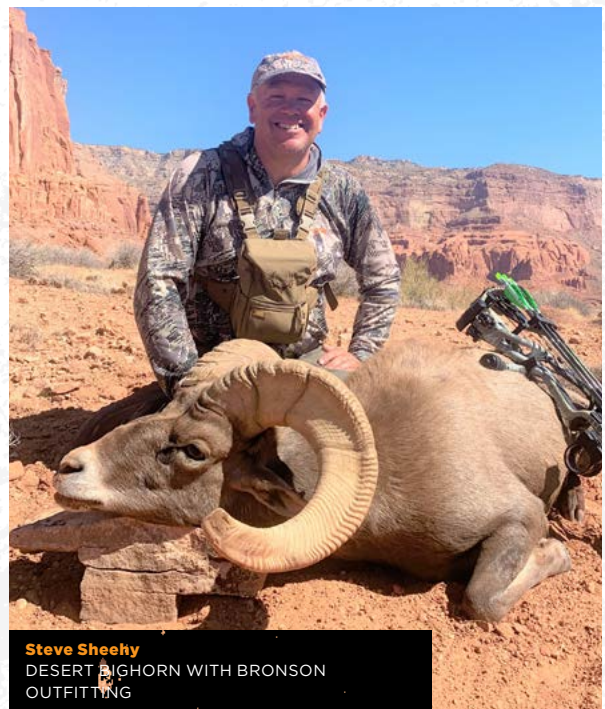
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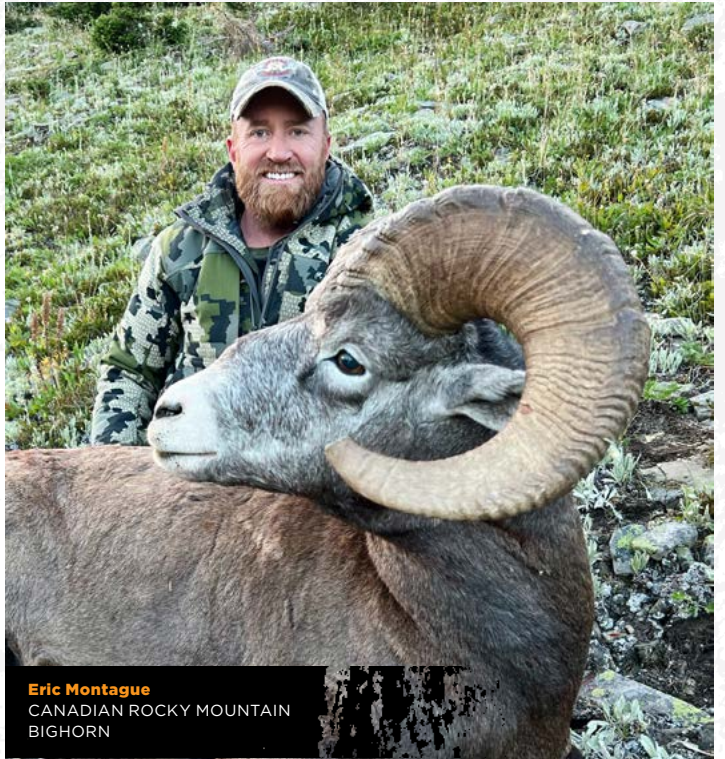
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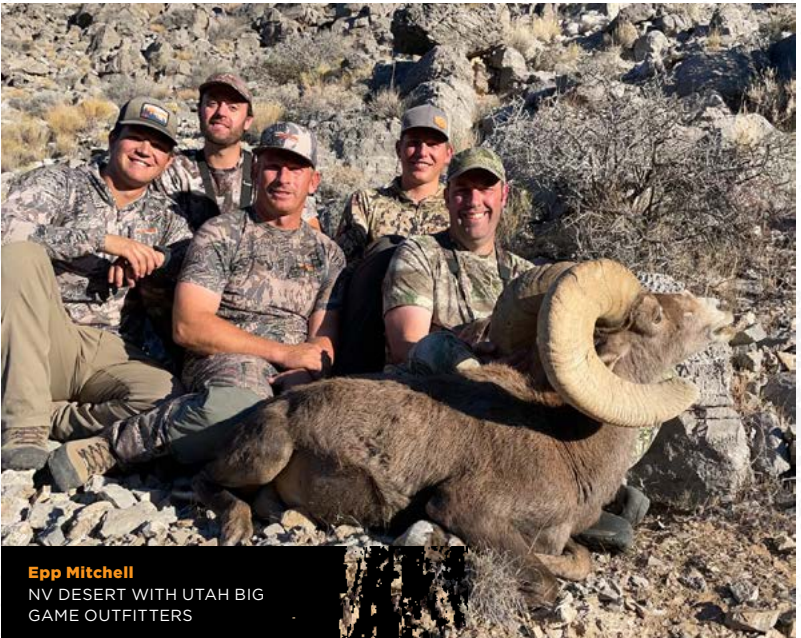
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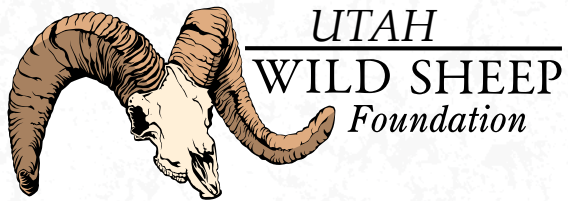
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