



Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Removal of Wild Bighorn Sheep from a Domestic Sheep Operation

The purpose for a Certificate of Registration (COR) to remove bighorn sheep is to assist the DWR in euthanizing bighorn sheep that are likely to have contacted domestic sheep by utilizing livestock operators who are more likely to be present when commingling occurs. Therefore, DWR will only consider applications from domestic sheep owners, their employees, and immediate family members.

The ultimate goal of the program is to ensure healthy populations of bighorn sheep and a healthy domestic sheep industry existing in Utah with a proper balance between the two entities: Wild bighorn sheep are a valuable resource to the residents of Utah who enjoy viewing them, pursue hunting them, and rely on them for their livelihood. Domestic sheep are likewise important to the residents in Utah who raise these animals, appreciate their heritage, and rely on them for their livelihood. However, it is often not suitable for both animals to exist in the same place at the same time. Wild bighorn sheep are naturally susceptible to respiratory disease that can be caused by pathogens that domestic sheep have built tolerance for. As a result, domestic sheep can harbor these pathogens without developing respiratory disease, but then transmit the harmful pathogen to bighorn sheep when the two animals come in contact. A bighorn sheep die-off is not always the result of these animals contacting each other; but it is a significant enough risk that when a bighorn sheep is suspected of coming in contact with domestic sheep, it should be euthanized to eliminate the risk of infecting an entire bighorn sheep population with a respiratory disease. Whenever possible, bighorn euthanasia is performed by an authorized Utah DWR employee. However, employees are not always available to respond quickly enough in some instances.

Complete the application and submit to the Regional Wildlife Manager where your sheep are located.

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Application for Certificate of Registration (COR)**

Domestic Sheep Operation Information: The Division may deny an application for a COR if, in the opinion of the division, there are other means available to respond to a commingling event.

Name of Sheep Operation	Owner/Operator Name		
Email address	Mobile Phone	Other Phone	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Property or Allotment where removal may take place (provide a map if private property)			

Owners, employees, and immediate family members may be named as authorized individuals to act under the authority of the COR.

Name	Association with Sheep Operation

I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in R657-5-50 Authorization to Remove Bighorn Sheep from Domestic Sheep Operations and agree to abide by its terms.

Signature

Date

This section is to be completed by the Regional Office

Size and location of the domestic sheep operation:

Past efforts to maintain spatial separation between wild and domestic sheep:

Future plans to improve spatial separation between wild and domestic sheep:

Historical disease status of the wild sheep population:

Management priorities for the wild sheep population:

Comments:

_____ Approved

_____ Denied

DWR Regional Wildlife Manager

Date

DWR Regional Supervisor

Date

DWR Wildlife Section Chief

Date

DWR Directors Office

Date