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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2023
To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members
From: Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator
Subject: Once-in-a-lifetime Permit Recommendations

Big game permit recommendations are reviewed annually. Recommendations are traditionally presented during the April RAC and Board cycle.

Permit Recommendation Overview:

1. Bighorn Sheep

- We recommend permits based on the number of rams counted on the most recent aerial census; 12-25% of total counted rams or 30-60% of rams 6 years of age or older.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 75 desert bighorn sheep permits (4 permit increase).
 - Recommending a statewide total of 52 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits (5 permit decrease).

2. Bison

- We recommend permit numbers based on the herd population objective.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 177 total bison permits (4 permit decrease).

3. Mtn. Goat

- We recommend permit numbers based on 5-25% of the counted adult population on the most recent aerial census.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 96 mountain goat permits (7 permit decrease).

4. Moose

- We recommend permit numbers based on an average age of bulls harvested between 3.75 and 4.25 years old.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 102 moose permits (3 permit decrease).

Permit recommendations are made to stay within the parameters outlined in statewide management plans.