

What Is The Future Of The Bighorn Sheep?

The Bighorn Sheep of Wyoming's Wind River Mountains have been a legendary herd, the most productive in the United States and the source of animals for transplant to other areas where herds have disappeared. Over the past forty years the herd has been very healthy; in 1990 it numbered 1600 sheep. But something has happened. Today the most optimistic estimate for herd numbers is only at 850 individuals. With lamb to ewe ratios now as low as 14 lambs per 100 ewes, the Wind River herd could, if the decline continues at this rate, be extinct within ten years!



"Guardian Pass"
20 x 32 1/2

GUARDIAN PASS was created by Lane, a fourth generation Rocky Mountain resident who lives and paints in the Wind River Valley. The print is the result of time spent in the Wind River Mountains with wildlife biologist John Monczynski, leader of the Wind River Bighorn Sheep Study.

The Wind River Bighorn Sheep Study.

Research began in 1998 to determine the cause for the decline of the Wind River herd. The most significant indicator appears to be a lack of selenium - critical for all mammals' immune systems. Without adequate amounts of selenium, the young sheep develop pneumonia and die. The exact relationship between available selenium, the nitrates in rainfall, and plant and soil interaction with chemical changes in the environment is still not adequately documented or fully understood.

Your Help Is Urgently Needed Today.

Your contribution to this research project will advance our efforts to stabilize the herd. The solution to this problem may be complicated, but we cannot allow the loss of **this** wonderful wildlife species.

An Inspirational Image For A Worthy Cause.

High quality print-on-canvas reproductions of "Guardian Pass" are being offered at \$250 per print as a fundraiser to support the Wind River Bighorn Sheep Study. Prints of this inspiring painting are available exclusively through the Lucius Burch Center, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) in Dubois, Wyoming.

The Lucius Burch Center supports wildlife research and education in cooperation with Wyoming Game and Fish and the University of Wyoming's Department of Zoology and Physiology. Funds are managed by the Wind River Bighorn Sheep Study and a major portion of all donations are tax deductible.

Obtain Your Copy Of The Study.

Thank you for your help in supporting this important research. If you have questions concerning this study or would like a copy of John Monczynski's Bighorn Sheep/Selenium Study 2002, please contact Judy Bendel at (307) 455-2284.

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