

**From:** Schlueter, Chuck  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 8:33 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: Support Bighorn Sheep (Jan 9-10 Meeting)

**From:** Matt Rippentrop [<mailto:mattrippentrop@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 05, 2014 9:05 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Support Bighorn Sheep (Jan 9-10 Meeting)

Hello SD GF&P Commissioners

At your next meeting on January 9-10, I would like to encourage you to pass the 2014 SD bighorn sheep auction tag for Custer County.

Last year, the 2013 bighorn sheep inaugural auction tag has given opportunities for potential new sheep transplants to happen in South Dakota this coming year. 100% of the auction tag's sale price comes directly back to South Dakota's bighorn sheep! This revenue not only helps the bighorn sheep, but all wildlife in the Black Hills with various projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matt Rippentrop  
Oelrichs, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: 2014 Bighorn Sheep auction tag

I am sending this email in favor of granting an auction tag for the 2014 Custer County Big Horn Sheep season. As someone who was fortunate to draw the Custer County tag in 2012, I see the benefits of the money received from the auction tag. With the tight budgets the GF&P have to deal with, they would never be able to raise enough money to do a fraction of the things that can be accomplished with the auction tag money. It is essential to bring in more sheep from other states to build more herds of Bighorns in other areas of the Black Hills and diversify the genetics of our existing Bighorn Sheep herd. It also will help with education with landowners to help them realize the importance of keeping domestic sheep and wild sheep separated to stop the spread of disease in the wild herds. My hope is, my son will someday be able to experience the hunt of a lifetime that I was able to experience.

Thank you for the work you do to benefit the wildlife of South Dakota.

Darrel Jones

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**From:** Schlueter, Chuck  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 8:33 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SD's Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

**From:** Dana Rogers [<mailto:dahusker@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 05, 2014 9:39 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jlcoop11@aol.com](mailto:jlcoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim;  
[barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane  
**Subject:** Support for SD's Bighorn Sheep Auction Tag

Commissioners,

I am wholeheartedly in support of continuing the single auction tag each year. The amount of money directly raised last year will help purchase sheep from other states and help us get our sheep numbers back above stable levels. This single auction tag does far more good for sheep than the simple allocation of one license, it helps establish a better future for sheep for all South Dakotans. Please keep it going and use that money to increase the population through purchase and habitat restoration. Get a handle on the pneumonia and Mt. Lions and we'll have triple the sheep we have now in just ten years.

Some direct effects of having last year's inaugural 2013 SD bighorn sheep auction tag money raised:

- 1) At the end of this week, potential 20 bighorn sheep transplant from Montana to Elk Mountain (Custer County).
- 2) One year from now, potential bighorn sheep transplant from Alberta to Deadwood.

Thanks for your time and all you do for South Dakota's wildlife!

**Dana R. Rogers**  
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Box Elder, SD 57719  
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**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 8:33 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: SD Bighorn Auction Tag

**From:** Mike McKnight [<mailto:msmcknight2912@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 05, 2014 9:11 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** SD Bighorn Auction Tag

On behalf of the South Dakota Bowhunters we would once again wholeheartedly support a bighorn auction tag for 2014. Thank you.

Mike McKnight  
President SDBI  
2912 S. Duchess Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
605-941-2218

"There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot." [Aldo Leopold](#)

**From:** Schlueter, Chuck  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: Sheep tag

**From:** Wayne Henderson [<mailto:henappram@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jicoop11@aol.com](mailto:jicoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim; [barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary  
**Subject:** Sheep tag

Dear Commissioners:

Just wanted you folks to know how much I appreciated your making a sheep tag available last year and am all in favor of a tag this year in Custer state park. Your past and future decisions to grant these tags will someday pay big dividends and result in a lot of opportunities for South Dakota sportsman! Thanks again,

Wayne Henderson, Lodgepole SD

PS: I'm excited to tell you that I was recently elected as a national board member of the Wild Sheep Foundation. It is certainly my hope that I/we can help South Dakota with reestablishing and growing the bighorn sheep population in the future.

**From:** Schlueter, Chuck  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 3:18 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Cc:** Switzer, Chad  
**Subject:** FW: SD Bighorn Sheep

**From:** Micah Mauney [<mailto:MMAuney@takcommunications.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 3:11 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** SD Bighorn Sheep

I am in favor of the SD Bighorn Sheep auction tag for Custer County. I think without the support and funding from these auction permits our state will continue to see a negative effect on our sheep herd.

Micah Mauney, Sioux Falls SD

**From:** Keith Winter [[mailto:winter\\_mrkeith@hotmail.com](mailto:winter_mrkeith@hotmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:40 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jlcoop11@aol.com](mailto:jlcoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim; [barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane

**Subject:** Bighorn Auction Tag

Good Morning,

My name is Keith Winter and I am an avid sportsman here in South Dakota. I live in Hill City.

I wanted to take a second to email you and let you know that I am in support of the Big Horn Auction Tag! I would like to draw a bighorn tag someday in my lifetime and I feel that we need to do something to help out the herd. I believe the funds raised from the auction tag can be a huge step in reinforcing the numbers of sheep here in the hills.

If you have any questions from me I can be reached via email at: [winter\\_mrkeith@hotmail.com](mailto:winter_mrkeith@hotmail.com) or via cell phone at 605-390-3582.

Thank you for your time!

**Keith Winter, Hill City**

**From:** Arnie and Lori Goldade [<mailto:arnielori@abe.midco.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 6:56 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); John Cooper; Spies, Jim; [barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane

**Subject:** Big Horn Sheep Auction Tag

Good evening,

Just want you all to know we support the Big Horn Sheep Auction Tag!

Thank you, and may your day be all that you are hunting for!

Arnie & Lori Goldade  
Aberdeen

**From:** Linda Vaa [<mailto:lindavaa@brookings.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:28 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jlcoop11@aol.com](mailto:jlcoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim; [barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary

**Subject:** Bighorn sheep auction tag

SD GFP Commission.

I support the bighorn sheep auction tag for Unit 2 in the Black Hills. It's exciting to see the Department working to bring in bighorns from other states to augment existing herds or start new herds. I was able to attend the first South Dakota tag being auctioned off last year at the Midwest Chapter, Wild Sheep Foundation in Minnesota. I believe that the auction tag will result in more sheep in the Black hills and therefore more tags and hunting opportunity for resident sheep hunters.

Sincerely,  
Spencer Vaa  
1819 Olwien Street, Brookings, SD

**From:** Roger Dekok [<mailto:Roger.Dekok@cabelas.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:29 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jlcoop11@aol.com](mailto:jlcoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim;  
[barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Sather, Duane  
**Subject:** FW: Support SD's Bighorn Sheep

Hi all.

I would like to comment on the proposed Bighorn Sheep season. I 100% believe in the support for the Auction Tag. I believe the funds generated from this auction tag are the best option in support of putting more Bighorn Sheep in South Dakota in the shortest amount of time. We need to stay the course at the very minimum of 10 years. I believe the benefits will multiply as the years pass.

One concern I saw about the proposal is restricting the auction tag to only Custer County. I believe this may limit the value benefit of the auction tag. I would support unlimited access to all huntable areas of bighorn Sheep to increase the value of that tag. I would hate to see the auction price drop significantly in it's 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Sincerely,

Roger DeKok  
705 North Tibbetts St.  
Mount Vernon, Sd  
605-236-5440

**From:** Jim Scull [<mailto:jims@scullconst.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Big horn Sheep auction Tag

I would express my encouragement to continue this program to raise money to put sheep in the Black Hills and to maintain them. Funding will be absolutely necessary to achieve the goals and this is a very painless way to secure this designated funding. Please continue this program to improve wildlife management and habit in the Black Hills.

Thanks.  
Jim Scull, Rapid City

Jim Scull  
J. Scull Construction Service, Inc.  
605-342-2379

**From:** Shannon DeBoer [<mailto:chiroSD@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 8:24 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info; Knippling, Susie (GFP); [jlcoop11@aol.com](mailto:jlcoop11@aol.com); Spies, Jim;  
[barryj@gwtc.net](mailto:barryj@gwtc.net); Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary  
**Subject:** Bighorn Sheep

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this email to express my support for the auction tag for the bighorn sheep. I saw that we just released 20 head of bighorns into the hell canyon area. I think that this is a good thing and as I understand it, that would not have been as possible without the additional funding from the auction tag. If we are able to augment our population over the next several years we should have a more viable and genetically diverse herd. I realize that short sight says that giving that tag for auction means that one less resident gets a tag for now. I feel the long term result of this will be a better herd and possibilities for us to get back to the 4 or 5 resident tags a year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Shannon DeBoer  
Cascade Chiropractic  
Hot Springs, SD