

You are invited to join the

SOCIETY

FOR THE

CONSERVATION

OF

BIGHORN SHEEP



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A Nonprofit Organization

The Society was founded in 1964 by a small group of dedicated individuals concerned with the rapid decline in many of our sheep populations. This organization has since become a leader in the conservation and management of this unique species.

The Society holds a major banquet meeting each year. Notification of all events is published in the Society's bimonthly newsletter, *"The Sheepherder,"* which is a valuable source of information on bighorn and Society events.

The Society's membership roster includes conservationists, sportsmen, professional wildlife managers, educators, veterinarians, biologists, photographers, and others interested in the bighorn's fight for survival. The only hope for our native wildlife is the dedication of interested citizens and public agencies to sound principles of resource management.

If you are interested in promoting the welfare of the bighorn and desire to affiliate with an organization dedicated to this purpose, then we invite you to join the Society. With membership you will receive *"The Sheepherder,"* which will keep you posted on all upcoming events. Please fill out the attached membership form and return with your donation. The bighorn need your moral and financial support today!



One of many sick lambs found by researchers while investigating reasons for high lamb mortality in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

Application for Membership

Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Business _____

The kinds of memberships available are:

— Annual.....	\$25.00
— Student (must be full-time)	\$10.00
— Life	\$200.00 (may be paid in four equal installments)
— Century	\$500.00 (transferable)

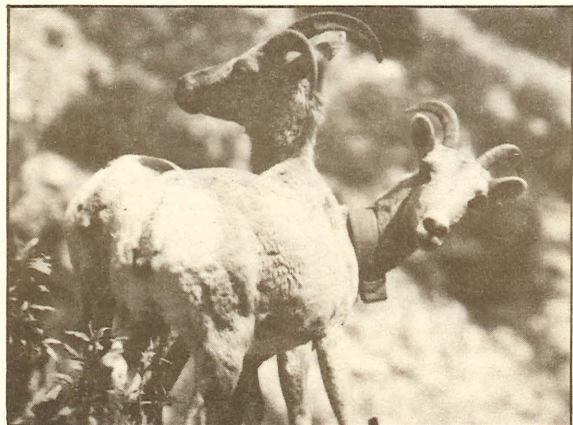
All donations are tax deductible.

Also included is my contribution of \$ _____ to help finance Bighorn Research Projects.
Also included is my contribution of \$ _____ for Desert Waterhole Improvement (Lowery fund).
Enclosed you will find my check of money order for \$ _____.

GOALS

The Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep was created for the purpose of conservation, preservation, and proper management of the wild sheep of North America. Bighorn were numerous in North America at the beginning of the nineteenth century, numbering between 1.5 to 2 million animals with a much greater range than today. Today the bighorn numbers less than 40,000 in all of North America, and two subspecies, the Audubon Bighorn and the Texas Bighorn, have become extinct in this century. In an effort to promote better bighorn management, the Society supports the following:

1. Research into causes of declining bighorn numbers.
2. Development and maintenance of water resources for bighorn sheep.
3. Cooperative projects with state and federal agencies in sheep population surveys and related research.
4. Promotion of public awareness of bighorn needs through educational programs, slide presentations, and articles in scientific journals and popular publications.
5. Preservation of each bighorn population to maintain genetic diversity.
6. Preservation of bighorn sheep habitat.
7. Reintroduction of bighorn sheep into historic bighorn ranges.



Radio collared ewes supply researchers valuable insight into bighorn ecology.



The bighorn were numerous in North America as shown in early Indian rock art.

CURRENT PROJECTS

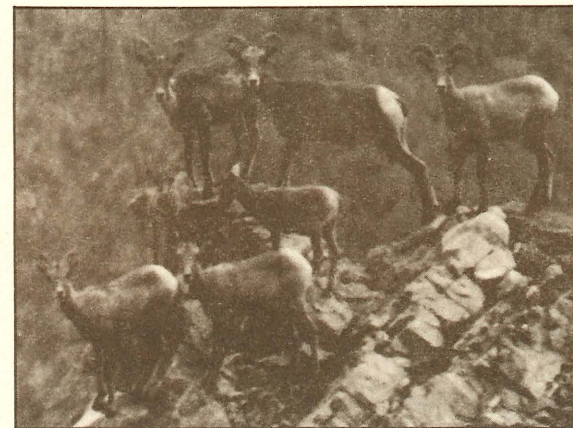
The Society supports its own team of research biologists and veterinarians investigating the reasons for bighorn decline. The team studies possible causes for decline, including:

- Diseases
- Competition from feral and domestic animals.
- Lack of water
- Habitat degradation and range reduction
- Environmental stresses
- Predation
- Nutrition
- Behavioral responses to environmental changes

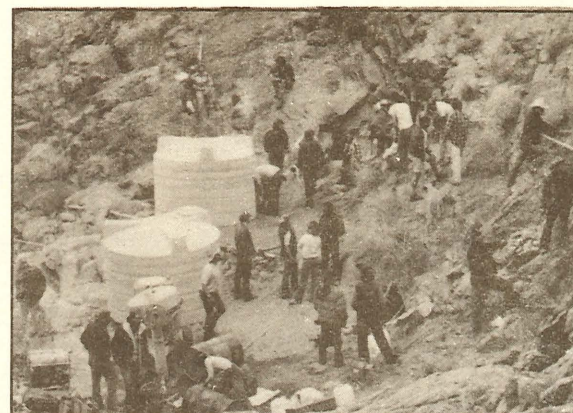
The Society installs and maintains desert water guzzlers for wildlife. These projects are funded by both the California Department of Fish and Game and the Society, with volunteer manpower coordinated by the Society. Volunteers include Society members, college students, members of sportsmen's clubs, and others interested in helping wildlife. These guzzlers are installed in areas of critical need in order to maintain existing bighorn populations.

The Society cooperates with state and federal agencies in annual bighorn population surveys. We have placed as many as 170 volunteer observers in the field on a single day count. These counts enable managers to monitor reproductive success and population trends in order to make better management decisions.

Society members conduct annual summer waterhole counts in many bighorn ranges in order to assess population numbers.



Desert bighorn in the San Gabriel Mountains.



Society members join together for installation of water guzzler in the Old Woman Mountains.



Biologist and veterinarians apply a radio collar to a bighorn ram to gather information leading to better management of the species.