

Tribal Bighorn Management on the Flathead Indian Reservation

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ABSTRACT: A brief history of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes efforts to establish and manage several wild big horn sheep populations within the Flathead Indian Reservation. From the early years of reintroduction, through years of herd growth, establishing a regulated hunt and the cooperative effort by both Tribal and State Fish Wildlife and Parks Biologists to maintain a healthy population. Included in the end a quick look at the Mountain Goat population that inhabits the Mission Mountain front range on the eastern edge of the Flathead Indian Reservation, our concerns and efforts to maintain goats into the future.

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