



Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Newsletter



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I hope your holidays found you healthy, wise and hope all of you were able to get out over the past sheep season and reap the benefit of our hard work. I know I spent at least 14 days in the field over sheep season and saw lots of healthy ewes and lambs, some terrific rams and lots of snow at Sheep Pass.

It's that time of year for our work schedule to start and we have some tentative dates and times for you to place on your calendars. The first being January 12, 2008. We will be painting the water tanks at the Corn Creek yard, at the desert range, off US 95, off the Corn Creek Road. If you can paint, you can help us. Work time will begin at 8:00 AM and hopefully we can finish by lunch. On January 19, there is going to be a meeting of the Fraternity Desert Big Horn Sheep, the Arizona Big Horn Sheep Society and the California Desert Big Horn Society for a meet and greet and a discussion on similar solutions in advancing sheep habitat. The meeting will be held in my office, The Tiberti Company at 4975 Rogers at 9:30 AM, located across from the Orleans Casino. On January 26th we will be slinging and prepping for new tanks at Spectre #3 at 8:00 AM. This is a rebuild of an existing project with all new tanks and we will need as many people as possible to help sling. February 2nd will be the actual construction date of Spectre #3, we will meet at 8 AM. Directions and map to our project is attached.

April 19 we will be doing the Silver Peak #3 project, which is a complete rebuild. May 3rd and 4th we will be doing the Beaver Dam #1 project which is also a complete rebuild. These are just a few of the dates we would like you to save for our current work schedule. There are two other projects to be scheduled: Muddy #4 will be clean out of all tanks and manifold; and Meadow Valley #3 is a new project in a wilderness area. This project is still pending.

There are preliminary hunter check out summaries available for bighorn sheep for the 2007 season. I have those electronically and can email them to those that are interested. Also, we will have a copy at the meeting which will be held Wednesday January 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Blue Ox. Also available is the current history and status of the GSCO law suit against FNAWS, also in electronic format, that I will be glad to forward to those of you who have any interest. I feel depressed that monies raised for sheep development are being squandered in the court system. We all work so hard to benefit wildlife and to see money going to frivolous lawsuits is disturbing.

I would like to congratulate the Nevada Department of Wildlife and all the volunteers, in the capture of nearly 50 sheep in the River Mountains area and relocating them to Lincoln County's Delamar Mountains. Several of these sheep were tagged with GPS transmitters and we are able to track these sheep on a daily basis. If it were not for the Fraternity, NBU and numerous other conservation groups who installed guzzlers in the past few years, the transplants like this would not be so effective. My excitement is building to see this herd in 3 to 5 years and what this range can produce.

“Telling a man to git and making him do it
are two entirely different propositions.”