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Agenda Item No. 10

Agenda Item: Mountain Goat Gender Identification
Training Update

Bureau Chief Approval: TB

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Background:

Staff will present information describing the mountain goat gender identification training programs occurring in other states and provinces. These programs are used to educate hunters on the best ways to identify the differences between male and female mountain goats. There are various tools used to educate hunters including videos, handouts, photos, etc. Some states require mandatory training, including passing a test, before hunters are issued tags. Other states and provinces provide educational materials but no mandatory training. The goal of most states and provinces is to reduce the number of adult females taken in the harvest. The one exception is Colorado which encourages nanny harvest to limit growth of mountain goat populations because of concerns related to alpine habitat damage and to protect bighorn sheep.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through supervision and management of the Department (Idaho Code 36-104). Idaho Code 67-52 (Idaho Administrative Procedure Act) governs the process for considering, adopting, and implementing IDAPA rules.

Public Involvement Process:

N/A

Justification:

This agenda item is to provide the Commission with information on the various mountain goat gender identification training programs from other states and provinces.

Staff Recommendation:

This agenda item is an update for Commission information. No formal action is requested at this time.