



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (PSR)

Pack goat Specific Regulations (PSR)

Pack goat users shall follow all pack stock regulations plus are required to obey the following regulations:

PSR #1:

Each pack goat will be individually identified.

Each goat shall have a collar with a tag attached to it containing, at a minimum, the current owner's telephone number. Identification tags shall contain, at a minimum, the current owner's phone number. Each identification tag shall be attached to the pack goats collar and be constructed of brass or stainless steel to ensure

longevity, legibility and durability should a pack goat become detached from the collar due to predator loss or any other unforeseen event.

Tattoos or microchips containing their Scrapie's Herd ID Number and the pack goat's scrapie ID Number or an official scrapie tag containing their scrapie Herd ID Number and the pack goat's scrapie ID Number may be used.

Registered pack goats may be identified with a registration tattoo or microchip instead of a tag, as long as the pack goat is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate listing the current owner.

In addition, the herd identification number assigned by APHIS may be tattooed (along with an individual animal number) to officially identify pack goats that are not registered. If you have a registered herd prefix, you may request that APHIS assign it as part of your herd identification number.

Owners must ensure the legibility of tattoos. Owners should also be prepared to assist with the tattoo reading process, including providing light to assist with reading. The scrapie Herd ID number and the pack goat's individual ID number or the pack goat's registration tattoos or microchips will be used to identify each pack goat when submitting samples to WADDL.

PSR #1 Goal:

Collars with identification tags aid in goat identification. The Scrapie Program is an established and accepted program which identifies herd locations, requires herd recordkeeping and is a uniform means of identification. There is no cost to the pack goat owner for participation in the Scrapie Program or for tags and applicators. Scrapie Herd registration also allows for other forms of tattoo. Registered pack goats are tattooed with specific tattoos for the registry in which they are registered.

PSR#2

All pack goats are required to have a deep nasal swab and serology testing performed to determine if the goat currently is

infected with or has been exposed to *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (MOVI). Testing will be performed by a state licensed veterinarian and the veterinarian will send the samples to WADDL for testing. Results will be given to the owner by the veterinarian once received from WADDL.

Pack goats which have been tested will be quarantined from all other sheep and goats from the time the sample is taken. Pack goats testing nasal swab negative for MOVI shall be maintained in quarantine from all other sheep or goats that have not been tested or who do not test nasal swab negative.

Only wethered (neutered male) pack goats, which test nasal swab negative for MOVI, will be permitted access to bighorn sheep source habitat.

Pack goat users will carry a current copy of the WADDL test results for each goat on their person.

PSR #2 Goal:

This assures veterinary tests are performed properly, recorded accurately and the appropriate pack goat identification is verified for each test. Negative nasal swab test pack goats are separated to maintain negative status. Wethers do not present a risk for bighorn sheep reproductive instincts. WADDL test results will be readily available and easily readable for agency personnel to view in the field.

PSR #3:

All pack goats will be on leads or have leads attached to their collar or halter at all times.

PSR #3 Goal:

Enables control of the pack goats.

PSR #4:

When camping, all pack goats will be in direct sight close enough for immediate physical control if necessary, or tethered in some fashion (picketing, high lining, etc.) and under supervision.

All pack goats will be tethered at night within 30 feet of humans.

PSR #4 Goal:

Enables control of the pack goats in camp.

PSR #5:

When traveling on trails pack goat users will be diligent for the presence of bighorn sheep at all times.

If bighorn sheep are observed within 100 yards of a potential camping area, pack goat users will take all reasonable measures to move their campsite to a different area. Hazing techniques may be used to deter bighorn sheep from moving closer to campsites if necessary.

When bighorn sheep are using trails for travel pack goat users will move off the trail 100 yards. If that distance is not attainable, the pack goat user will travel back along the trail away from the bighorn sheep and exit the trail when the 100 yard distance can be reached.

Pack goat users will stay off the trail until bighorn sheep have passed. If visibility is limited to less than 100 yards up trail, a pack goat user will go to the trail and observe for bighorn sheep before continuing with pack goats.

PSR #5 Goal:

Separation of contact between pack goats and bighorn sheep.

PSR #6:

When accessing browsing areas and water, a pack goat user will check for the presence of bighorn sheep before allowing access for pack goats. Whenever possible, water access will be limited to areas of unlikely bighorn sheep use. Access to water areas with the potential for bighorn sheep use will be limited to the time it takes the pack goats to drink.

PSR #6 Goal:

Separation of contact between pack goats and bighorn sheep.

PSR #7:

Within bighorn source habitat, pack goat numbers will be limited to a maximum of three (3) pack goats per person, and a maximum of nine (9) pack goats per group. These numbers represent a maximum.

PSR #7 Goal:

Limits potential number of pack goats in bighorn source habitat.

PSR #8:

All pack goats will have a bell attached to their collar or halter while in bighorn sheep source habitat.

PSR #8 Goal:

Alerts bighorn sheep to the presence of the pack goats.

PSR #9:

In the highly unlikely event that direct contact of a pack goat and a bighorn sheep is observed, the location and as much of a description as is possible of the sheep and incident will be written, photographed if possible and reported to the appropriate agency as soon as reasonably possible.

Any biological samples that can be reasonably obtained (i.e. swab, blood sample) from the pack goat in question will be allowed to be taken by the appropriate agency at the agencies expense.

PSR #9 Goal:

Documentation of the occurrence and testing of the pack goat.

PSR#10:

Leave No Trace principles will be practiced.

PSR #10 Goal:

Leave as small an imprint as possible.

PSR#11:

Lost or missing pack goat.

If any pack goat becomes lost, missing or separated from the

owner and herd every effort will be exhausted to locate and recover any missing or lost pack goat.

If the owner is unable to locate and recover lost pack goat the following agencies shall be contacted by telephone immediately. A full disclosure of all information as possible will be provided to these agencies to assist in identifying and getting the animals back in the owners control or possession,. Information should include e.g. GPS coordinates, if possible, Legal Description, including township, range, section, geographic location, name or number of trail or trail head, the last known location and circumstances, a detailed description of the pack goats and any equipment that they might be carrying.

- The local County Sheriff's office. Call 911 or the non-emergency line to dispatch of that county. Most hikers, hunters, land owners or citizens will call the sheriff's office first if they find a lost pack stock animal.
- The local land management agency responsible for the area where the goats were lost or missing. For example, if the goats were lost on National Forest System land, the local Ranger District should be contacted. If the goats were lost on Bureau of Land Management land, the local BLM Field Office should be contacted. If the goats were lost on State Land, contact the nearest State Land Management Office (e.g. Department of Natural Resources, Department of Lands).
- The state regional Department of Fish and Game or Fish and Wildlife. Request that the information be distributed to the enforcement officers and the local regional biologist.
- Post information, including photos, if available about the missing pack goat at the nearest public access facilities or points of interest such as public bulletin boards at gas stations, convenience stores, trail heads and camp grounds with owners contact information, goat and gear descriptions.
- [Contact the NAPgA](#) – the North American Pack Goat Association to report the loss. NAPgA will maintain a documentation file on all

lost pack goats. NAPgA will request an initial report as well as an after-action report from the pack goat's owner/user. The information will be used for documentation as well as continued training and educational awareness training for pack goat users.

PSR#11 Goal: To aid in the recovery of any lost or missing pack goat.



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