

## **NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW OF WILD SHEEP CAPTURE, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORT – A CALL FOR DETAILED FIELD INFORMATION<sup>TWS</sup>**

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Wild sheep are very susceptible to stress, injury, and death when captured and handled. Yet, no single source of information has compiled wild sheep capture, handling, and transport protocols, techniques and equipment. In addition, few scientific publications allow authors to describe the subtle details, important

equipment, and logistical organization necessary for maximizing capture success and animal care. We are developing a single document summarizing the growing published and unpublished knowledge of wild sheep capture, handling, and transport. This extensive review will be a thorough resource for sheep researchers and managers for preparing and conducting successful field operations. The ultimate purpose of this project is to improve animal care and reduce injuries and mortalities. This review includes literature search, agency protocols/documents, and material from questionnaires to all interested sheep professionals. The review will cover: 1) every capture technique with detailed diagrams and photos, 2) equipment and techniques for sheep processing and transport, 3) equipment brands, models, and company information, and 4) considerations and approaches specific to each major subgroup of wild sheep. This project will be funded by several grants. The final book will be distributed by a non-profit organization to: 1) contributors, 2) state, federal, and private organizations working with wild sheep, and 3) western colleges. Additional copies will be available.