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Re: Commission Order C014, Mountain Sheep

Dear Commissioners and Director McCoy:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Commission Order C014, Mountain Sheep.

The proposed changes to Commission Order C014, Mountain Sheep, generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of mountain sheep while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including mountain sheep, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Commission Order C014, Mountain Sheep. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin Chief Executive Officer Safari Club International

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