

# Grant Application

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1 Have you ever applied for an OWF grant before?

no

2 Have you ever been denied for an OWF grant before?

no

3 Project Title

Hart Mountain Bighorn Sheep Recovery

4 Name of my Organization

Wild Sheep Foundation

5 If your organization is not a tax-exempt nonprofit, please list the name of your fiscal sponsor

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If this does not apply to you, write N/A

WSF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit

6 Project Manager Full Name

Kevin Hurley

7 Project Manager Mailing Address

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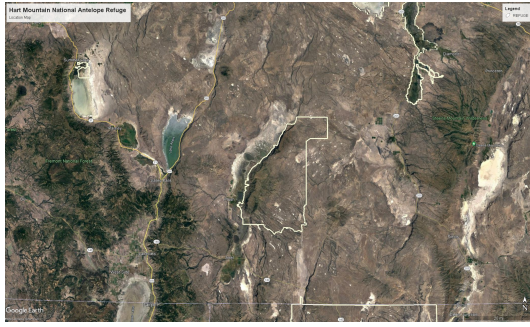
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412 Pronghorn Trail, Bozeman, MT 59718

8	Project Manager Phone Number
	406-404-8753
9	Project Manager Email Address
	khurley@wildsheepfoundation.org
10	Please provide a brief biographical statement about yourself
	I am the Wild Sheep Foundation's Vice-President for Conservation. I have been a wildlife biologist for ~45 years, having worked for the State of Wyoming Game & Fish Department for nearly 30 years. I was the 1st-ever Chair of the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Wild Sheep Working Group, from 2007-2011. I have been involved with wild sheep and mountain goat conservation and management for more than 40 years.
11	Provide any social media handles you use - Enter social handles or URLs such as instagram, facebook, twitter, youtube, etc. so that we can use to cross promote on our channels - if you do not have any, please place N/A
	Facebook: #WildSheepFoundation Twitter: @wildsheepfoundation
12	Please indicate if you are currently following Oregon Wildlife Foundation on our social media channels
	- None of these channels
13	Total estimated project cost
	265000
14	Funding that you are requesting from OWF - If you're request is for more than \$5,000, please contact Tim Greseth - <a href="mailto:tim@myowf.org">tim@myowf.org</a> before submitting your application.
	10000
15	What type of project are your proposing?
	Wildlife
16	Will your project address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species?
	yes
16.1	What habitat or species is addressed?
	Bighorn Sheep
17	Start date of project- Day/Month/Year
	01-09-2022

18	End date of project
	30-06-2023
19	Location of project
	Hart Mountain NAR
20	Has a local, state or federal biologist reviewed this project?
	yes
20.1	What is their name and contact info?
	Shannon Ludwig, USFWS Sheldon-Hart Mountain NWR shannon_ludwig@fws.gov; Jonathan Muir, ODFW, Lakeview, OR Jonathan.d.muir@state.or.us
21	Have you already or will you obtain necessary permits from all requisite agencies as applicable to proposed project?
	yes
22	What will the requested funds be used for?
	If approved, Oregon Wildlife Foundation funds would be applied to an agreement between USFWS-Hart Mountain NAR and USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services to conduct professional cougar control within the Bighorn Sheep-Cougar Management Zone on Hart Mountain NAR.
23	Provide a brief Project Summary
	The California bighorn sheep (BHS) herd on Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge in southeastern Oregon declined from ~150 animals in 2017 to as few as 48 in 2020. Consequently, this BHS herd is at risk of extirpation without prompt management intervention to restore the herd to a sustainable level. In 2022, the Hart Mountain BHS Management Plan & EIS was developed to identify management actions to aid in the recovery of the herd. The California BHS, an iconic species native to Oregon and the Refuge, was extirpated from the state by 1912. The species was successfully reintroduced in 1954 when 20 BHS were translocated to the Refuge. After reintroduction, the Refuge herd was robust enough to be used as a source for translocating BHS to other areas in and around Oregon. Action is needed to address rapidly declining BHS numbers that place the herd in significant risk of extirpation from the Refuge in the next few years. An integrated management approach focusing on short-term predator control (mountain lions) and long-term habitat management actions (juniper control and water sources) are specifically targeted to benefit and recover BHS and support a sustainable herd. This funding request will focus on specific recovery actions supporting short-term mountain lion control.

24 Upload pre-project pictures or a video -  
By submitting these photos or video I warrant that I am the legal owner of this media and grant the Foundation permission to reproduce, exhibit, or publish them for all general purposes in relation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's work. If you have questions about photo or video submissions please refer to [myowf.org/grants](http://myowf.org/grants) for guidance.



25 Fill out the budget



28 I understand that I am required to submit a Project Completion Report, copies of any publications or social media posts crediting the Foundation's support, and post-project pictures at the completion of my project

yes

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# Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge

Location Map

