

## APPENDIX XXVIII

WHISKEY MOUNTAIN  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
between  
THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
and  
THE FOREST SERVICE  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
and  
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This Cooperative Agreement made this 18th day of June 1969 by and between the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, hereinafter called the Commission; the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called the Service; and the Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Department of the Interior, hereinafter called the Bureau.

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with Federal agencies pursuant to the laws of the State of Wyoming (Wyoming Stat. 1957, Sec. 23-15: (1)); and

WHEREAS, the Service is authorized under the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of April 24, 1950 (16 USC 572), as amended, to enter into cooperative agreements with the official state agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau is authorized under the provisions of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended in the Act of June 14, 1960 (74 Stat. 506) to enter into cooperative agreements with official state agencies in connection with the management, use, and protection of the public domain located within or without grazing district boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau and the Service are authorized to enter into cooperative arrangements with each other under the provisions of the Act of June 30, 1932 (31 U.S.C. 686); and

this area by the Bureau, Service, and Commission. These studies have revealed previous heavy grazing use in specific areas. Many sites preferred by bighorn sheep have also been used by livestock. There has been excessive use on portions of the lands resulting in reduced vegetative production and vigor. Additional bighorn sheep forage is needed at critical sites. The area is currently utilized during the winter months by an estimated 1,000 bighorn sheep.

### III. Objectives

The objectives of this agreement and management plan are:

1. To improve the habitat and forage conditions so that the area may support an optimum population of bighorn sheep.
2. To maintain the population of bighorn sheep in balance with the forage producing potential of the area.
3. To maintain the area in public ownership so that the public may fully enjoy this outstanding herd of bighorn sheep, the scenic attractions of the area and all other public uses which are compatible with objectives 1 and 2 above.
4. To determine and implement the most practical and economic plan of administration which will eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort, travel and supervision.

### IV. Plan of Action

To accomplish these objectives, the undersigned agencies agree to the following:

**The Service will;**

1. Improve the lands for wildlife use by managing the grazing resource for livestock and bighorn sheep under provisions of a cooperative management plan.
2. Cooperate with the Bureau and the Commission as appropriate in constructing fences where they are determined necessary.
3. Maintain existing Forest system trails.

**The Commission will;**

1. Notify the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to withdraw the existing Coordination Act applications in order that the lands may be classified under the Classification and Multiple Use Act.
2. Maintain existing improvements as may be necessary for the benefit of wildlife management and designated access trails on Commission lands for the public.
3. Control wildlife numbers by livetrapping and hunting.

**It is jointly agreed:**

1. To continue forage utilization studies and other studies which will determine the forage needs and distribution of the bighorn sheep.

by mutual agreement or upon 30-days notice in writing to each of the other parties of intention to terminate upon a date indicated. Amendments to this agreement may be proposed by any of the parties and shall become effective upon approval by all three.

WYOMING GAME & FISH COMMISSION

By *James B. White*  
Date *7/22/69*

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

By *E. P. ...*  
Date *JUL 15 1969*

FOREST SERVICE  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

By *Howard ...*  
REGIONAL FORESTER  
Date *7/11/69*