



## **Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia**

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### **RE: Cannabis Production Plant Proposal to Affect Vaseux Sheep Population**

The Wild Sheep Society has raised concerns about a proposed cannabis production plant in the vicinity of the OK Falls, which could negatively impact the Vaseux wild sheep population. Sunniva Incorporated is proposing a 740,000 square-foot greenhouse for the old Weyerhauser Mill Site. We are unaware of any wildlife impact studies conducted and we are concerned that current wild sheep populations in the area will be negatively affected.

The Regional District Okanagan Similkameen recently passed the third reading for allowing cannabis production in industrial areas, which would pave the way for this project. During the public consultation process various issues were raised about the environmental impact of this greenhouse. RDOS has indicated that their staff will be recommending that their board adopt the proposed bylaw amendments.

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia is advocating that a study on the impact this facility will have on wildlife and particularly wild sheep in the area be conducted. The Vaseux wild sheep populations will likely be affected by this project and displacement from the OK Falls area is probable. Wildlife enthusiasts often enjoy viewing opportunities of the wild sheep and other wildlife in the OK Falls region. The impact of this greenhouse could have a significant impact on this California Bighorn population and concerned individuals should make their voice heard with their local government and MLA.

The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia is a non-profit registered Society dedicated to the protection and enhancement of wild sheep and wild sheep habitat throughout "Beautiful British Columbia".

Sincerely,

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