

*Wild Sheep Society of BC and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) work together to improve wild sheep habitat.*



Pre-treatment; thick, dense timber with minimal sight lines

- Slashing commenced in the fall of 2018, conducted by volunteers with the Wild Sheep Society of BC (WSSBC) and the BC Wildfire Service. Preliminary results show sight lines have increased 25%; from 49% visibility to 75% visibility at 20 meters.
- MFLNRORD habitat biologists continue to plan expansion of this project, and are seeking funding in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resource Society.
- The BC Wildfire Service will continue slashing and burning slash piles in the spring, while the #WSSBC will be keen for another volunteer project along side them.
- This project was completed in collaboration with The Nature Trust of BC.
- Through our collective efforts, the WSSBC funds wild sheep science and research projects, habitat enhancement and protection projects, and transplants of sheep into unoccupied or historically occupied areas. #WildSheepForever

The Bull River bighorn sheep herd has declined 40% since 2014. Cumulative impacts have contributed to the decline, but the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) identified a need for improved winter range travel corridors. Sheep movement has become difficult in overwintering areas due to thick, stagnant timber which may increase predation.

This project was completed with volunteers from the Wild Sheep Society of BC, BC Wildfire Service, Allana Oestreich and Todd Blewett, and The Nature Trust of BC.



Post-treatment; open forest with long sight lines

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

Putting tens of thousands of volunteer hours, and dollars into conservation projects in BC since 1998, the WSSBC is committed to its vision statement of 'Putting more sheep on the mountains”

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