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Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia announces partnership with the Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation.

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The Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia and the Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation have announced a formal partnership for the betterment of the Fraser River bighorn herd.

This partnership will see the Midwest Chapter donate \$24000 USD over the next three years to this project.

" We are elated to have the Wild Sheep Foundation Midwest Chapter, support the Fraser River Disease Surveillance Project. This is the largest financial investment the WSSBC has ever committed to, and having the support of Midwest in this collaborative effort further strengthens our cause; Putting more sheep on the mountain."- Kyle Stelter, WSSBC President.

The goal of this project is to promote the recovery of the Fraser River bighorn sheep by understanding the prevalence of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (movi), and assessing the risk of Movi transmission and persistence among herds through the movements of GPS collared animals.

The results of this project will assist Provincial biologists in deriving management actions that will enable the recovery of Fraser River bighorn sheep herds.

For more information on the Fraser River bighorn sheep project, please visit <https://bit.ly/2L7dzen>

About the Wild Sheep Society of BC

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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