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# Wildlife needs to be made a priority this election cycle

Wild Sheep Society urges to 'Put Wildlife First'

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On the heels of an election call, the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia is urging it's members, citizens, conservationists and those that are concerned about fish, wildlife and habitat in the province to 'Put Wildlife First' at the polls.

"For too long, wildlife and habitat has taken a back seat in this province," said Kyle Stelter, Past President of WSSBC. "It's time that we not only recognize the issues but put them at the forefront and act on them. By voicing that wildlife is important to you, we can make wildlife a priority." Stelter continued.

The WSSBC has been advocating for better disease controls regarding Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae (M.ovi) and has long pressured government to act in a way that ensures abundant wildlife and habitat for generations in perpetuity. This election cycle, the power to enact change lays in your hands at the polls. The WSSBC urges you to vote accordingly to your values and priorities.

For decades wildlife has suffered at the hands of mismanagement, ensuring that ungulates have seen a decline of up to 80% in some areas in British Columbia. The WSSBC looks forward to working with the next government to safeguard the interests of all stake and titleholders are protected and enhanced, while pushing for the betterment of all species on the landscape.

It is time that we put the 'Beautiful' back in Beautiful British Columbia. You can make that happen.

To find a template letter or talking points for your elected officials and their contact information, please visit our website at

https://www.wildsheepsociety.com/help/

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## 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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