

Rocky Mountain Goat Trap and Transplant Program and Survival of Transplanted Kids in Oregon

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Abstract: Reintroductions of mountain goats (*Oreamnos americanus*) into the Elkhorn Mountains of Northeast Oregon have established a source population for other releases in Oregon. We captured 157 goats during 9 captures from 2000 to 2009. Reintroductions have established breeding populations and natural dispersion is being reported throughout Northeast Oregon. While release efforts have resulted in established populations, survival of released kids has been low. Later capture date and release methodology changes have increased kid survival. Managers need to be aware that capture and transplant programs are successful at establishing breeding populations but survival of released kids is low.

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