

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS AND HARVEST OF
BIGHORN SHEEP IN SUN RIVER AREA, MONTANA

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Abstract

One of the largest herds of bighorn sheep in the United States ranges in the Sun River area of west-central Montana. History and physiography of the area are given. Forage utilization on winter ranges and condition of the ranges are briefly mentioned. History of the harvest through hunting and removal by trapping and transplanting are given. Population characteristics and the apparent effects of harvest are discussed. Results are contrasted with those found for bighorn sheep in Nevada.