

**From:** [Steve Primm](#)  
**To:** [Bowey, Jan M -FS](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 2013 Observation - Bighorn Carcass  
**Date:** Monday, March 06, 2017 2:17:38 PM  
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Thanks Jan - yes, that's an accurate description.

My job title is Conservation Director at People and Carnivores. I specialize in carnivore-human conflicts.

On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 1:26 PM, Bowey, Jan M -FS <[jbowey@fs.fed.us](mailto:jbowey@fs.fed.us)> wrote:

Thank you for visiting with me Friday evening about your 2013 observation of a bighorn ewe carcass on the south side of Black Butte in early-August 2013. The observation was recorded by MFWP August 7, 2013. Based on your recollection, you and Kelly Savage (BLM range management specialist) summited Black Butte the prior weekend (Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>) using the user created trail along the south side of the volcanic neck. Roughly mid-slope, both of you observed a rotting bighorn ewe carcass. You reported the observation to MFWP because you are aware of potential pathogen transmission concerns between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep when the species come together and knew there was not a bighorn sheep herd located in the immediate vicinity of Black Butte, making the observation unusual.

Let me know if I recorded any of this information incorrectly.



**Jan M. Bowey,**  
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Jan,

The 2013 Black Butte bighorn observation came from my wildlife observation database. The observation is copied in the attached Excel file. The bighorn portion of this database was shared with members of the public during the formulation of the Tendoy bighorn depopulation effort in 2015, minus the observer information. As I recall the observation, it was a phone exchange with Steve Primm, Ennis. The date of the observation was August 8, 2013. He stated that he found a dead bighorn ewe in the vicinity of Black Butte and felt we should be aware of it. I recorded the observation but did not confirm the mortality with a site visit. At the time the FWP Sheridan biologist position was vacant. I do not recall any other details of my conversation with Steve Primm.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Good day  
Craig Fager  
FWP Biologist, Dillon

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**From:** Bowey, Jan M -FS [mailto:[jbowey@fs.fed.us](mailto:jbowey@fs.fed.us)]  
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I'm still sorting my way through all of the comments we received on a court-ordered Draft Review of New Information analyzing the significance of information that may have significant environmental impacts not previously considered in environmental analysis documents approving allotment management plans for sheep allotments in the Gravelly Mountains near Black Butte. Several letters reference an observation of a dead bighorn ewe near Black Butte in 2013. I've attached one of the letters (see the orange highlights on page 3 and 6). References in other letters are similar to this one. Could you send me a copy of whatever document you may have of that observation? I don't need a response from both of you – actually, I'm hoping one or the other of you may have some details on it.

THANKS



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DATE	CODE	NUMBER	Sex	SPECIES	LOCATION	T	R	S	COMMENT
8/7/13	M	1	F	Bighorn	Black Butte				reported dead-Steve Prim, Ennis