I agree to donate the unusable portion of my bighorn sheep skull for research.



Skull Tumors of Bighorn Sheep



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What is this disease?

- Tumors grow from the lining of the skull sinuses
 - o In the forehead
 - o In the horns
 - Above the teeth
- Typically cannot be seen from the outside of the head
- Destroys bone, produces mucus
- Unknown cause, but likely an infectious disease that is spread between sheep
- Found in bighorn sheep herds from at least 6 states
- No known human health risk

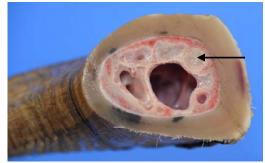
Why is this disease important?

- Can cause skull and horn deformities
- Impairs respiratory function and may contribute to respiratory disease that threatens bighorn sheep herds in Colorado

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In the horns



Above the teeth



How can you help?

Donate your hunted sheep skull for research:

- Sample collection does **not** interfere with taxidermy
- Samples are only collected from parts of the skull that would otherwise be disposed of by your taxidermist
- Samples will be used to search for the cause of this new disease

Thank you for your participation in this important research!