

Subject: RE: WAFWA Final Brief and letter

From: Zach Lowe <zach.lowe@wafwa.org>

Date: 9/10/2024, 9:47 AM

To: Scott Woodruff <[REDACTED]>

CC: Daryl Lutz <[REDACTED]>, Cortney Mycroft <Cortney.Mycroft@wafwa.org>

Good Morning Mr. Woodruff,

Mr. Lutz, Lead for our Wild Sheep initiative and Working Groups, forwarded you response and request to me for consideration. We will not be forwarding the author/member list that you requested for various reasons, but foremost of which is that WAFWA considers this matter of business as concluded to all reasonable measures and I am confident we have done all necessary and defensible due diligence. We will not be escalating this discussion or topic any further within the organization at this time.

I understand that you might not be confident, accepting, or supportive of the process or evaluation our science teams have done on the topic of South American Camelids as a Disease risk to Wild Sheep. We have given this topic and the published brief every professional courtesy and review to ensure scientific accuracy, proper transparency, and included various levels of review from subject matter experts (including your own organization) and leadership within our state and provincial memberships who have direct jurisdictional authority over the resource. In the end, we are compelled and required to use the best available science to evaluate this and dozens of other human wildlife related topics each year and follow that science into potential policy considerations.

Our standard is to follow the best available science and maintain a willingness to include any future advancements. If at anytime additional or emerging science reveals itself that might change the conclusions or recommendations contained within the brief, we will gladly reevaluate the document. We welcome further engagement from your group on topics of mutual interest and look forward to seeing any advancements in science that add to the body of knowledge on South American Camelids and potential resource risk or advantage to wildlife.

Thank you,

Zach

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From: Scott Woodruff <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 8:39 AM

Subject: Re: WAFWA Final Brief and letter
To: Daryl Lutz <[REDACTED]>

Daryl,

We need the names of the WSI sub-committee members of professionals that participated, drafted, and approved your draft briefs and your final "Brief of South American Disease Risk to Wild Sheep".

Thank you for your prompt attention to this transparency.

Scott Woodruff

On 7/10/2024 10:53 AM, Daryl Lutz wrote:

Scott,

Please find attached the final of the "Brief on South American Camelid Disease Risk to Wild Sheep" and a letter from WAFWA's Executive Director, Zach Lowe. Please note this document will remain the final, until further data are available to make any changes appropriate.

Regards,
daryl

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☐ Daryl Lutz
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"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

— Will Rogers

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