

### Concern

#### Lack of information for Deadman Creek band

This is a small band of about 32 sheep that resides close to Teslin. There is considerable public interest in these sheep. We need more information on basic seasonal movements to make sure this band is managed properly.

#### Solution

Increase information on sheep movements

Some ground-based monitoring has already been done for the summer range but there is a possibility that the sheep may move into an active hunting zone in the winter. The potential for wildlife viewing and the pressures of this attention were considered. The effects of hunting on the population and its behaviour were noted.

#### Action

Responsible parties, Time line

**TTC, YG**  
2001/02  
2002/03  
2003/04  
2004/05

Continue ground-based monitoring of Deadman Creek sheep population (including a winter component)  
There is a possibility of doing a late winter survey tied in with the moose work.  
TTC will provide a STEP (Student Training and Employment Program) student for a few days for this work. The effect of wildlife viewing and hunting pressures on this population should be considered. It would be valuable to get results from the Faro study of sheep under such circumstances. [2001-Tes-AI-8]

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#### Small scattered bands are not identified (except by harvest records)

A significant portion of the traditional territory is open to sheep hunting, and harvest records indicate that sheep are present, although there is no other information on these small scattered bands. (Note: Harvest by residents is based on the full curl rule which means that population information is not considered critical to management, although it would benefit protection and better management in the future.)

#### Solution

Get basic information on sheep in "unknown" areas

Standard sheep surveys do not work for identifying small scattered bands, which means that community knowledge is the only option.

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#### Cassiar area not surveyed recently

The Cassiar Mountains constitute the core of the Stone sheep population in the Yukon. Subzones 10-25/26 were last surveyed in 1993 and Subzone 10-28 was surveyed in 1988.

#### Solution

Get new population information for Cassiar sheep

Standard sheep survey methods are all that are required here.

#### Action

Responsible parties, Time line

**YG**  
2003/04

Count sheep in Cassiar's subzones 10-25, 26, 28  
Estimate eight to 10 hours of helicopter time for a standard sheep survey. This would cost approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000. [2001-Tes-AI-9]