



ATTENTION ALL BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTERS!

The Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife (NNDFW) is now requiring that all hunters check in their harvested bighorn sheep to have the horns plugged.

WHY PLUG?

In most U.S. states, it is required by law to have your sheep horns plugged after harvest. Plugging or “sealing” horns also gives wildlife agencies the opportunity to assess rams up close, and get samples, measurements and data in order to better understand population dynamics. These one-on-one interactions provide biologists with information about the habitat and general condition of the sheep in their hunt area. Further, it provides the hunter a permanent ‘seal’ indicating the sheep was taken legally and with approval by the NNDFW.

Please call NNDFW (928-871-6489) to make an appointment to have your sheep checked in for:

- 1) Sheep harvested during the 2018-2019 hunting seasons or any previous year, and
- 2) If you possess a sheep skull that you found and picked up on Navajo Nation land.

