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Dear Mr. Sexton and Planning Commissioners,

It is very important that any goat ordinance include restrictions to protect bighorn sheep. Goats carry disease that bighorn are not immune to. Last year, Corey Adler of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) approached the Mountain Shadows Community Association (MSCA) to warn against the use of goats for fire mitigation in Mountain Shadows due to the risk of spreading disease to the area bighorn sheep.

By now, the planning department is keenly aware that the open space on 2424 Garden of the Gods Road, a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) located property in Mountain Shadows, is bighorn sheep habitat and a wildlife corridor frequented by significant numbers of bighorn sheep. As a species of "greatest conservation need" on the state level and a "sensitive species" on the federal level, goats pose a terrible risk to the areas bighorn sheep. Please make certain code addresses this risk. The designation of "sensitive species" means a species that unless steps are taken now will become endangered in the future and need to be listed on the Endangered Species List and protected under the Endangered Species Act.

"If domestic sheep and goat commingle with bighorn sheep, they ***may transmit pathogens to the wild sheep that can result in all-age die-offs...***"

<https://www.bighornsheep.org/wildlife-officials-issue-warning-on-the-dangers-of-mixing-domestic-livestock-with-our-wild-bighorn-sheep-herds/>

Sincerely,

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