

THANK YOU GOVERNOR DAVE



In 2003, Governor Dave Freudenthal made history in this state. There is a long-standing tradition in Wyoming that each year the governor, by state statute, receives 20 complimentary big game licenses from the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission: 5 bighorn sheep, 5 moose; and 10 elk, deer or pronghorn. Governors have discretion over the use of funds generated by these licenses, and in the past, these monies have been used for numerous causes. Since the first time these licenses were issued, in 2003, Governor Freudenthal determined that all of the proceeds would be applied directly toward the conservation of wildlife, one of our most precious and renewable natural resources.

A collaboration of Wyoming wildlife organizations, known as the Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition (WGBGLC), in partnership with the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Wyoming (WHFW as Administrator), is responsible for marketing the licenses and for prioritizing project expenditures to benefit wildlife, habitat, research, and conservation education. Funds are disbursed through five accounts: Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Elk, Deer, and All Wildlife. In the past 7 years, the Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition has raised \$2.7 million, of which \$2.2 million has already gone directly into on-the-ground projects for wildlife and its habitat. To view past WGBGLC Projects, visit the WHFW website at www.whfw.org.

As Wyoming moves into the 21st century we all share a responsibility to keep this state a special place in which to live and work.

We thank you, Governor Dave Freudenthal, for your vision, for your generosity, and for your leadership to help ensure that Wyoming's wildlife legacy lives on for our children and grandchildren.