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(S.D.)-Auctioned License Funds Bighorn Sheep Recovery



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Money from an auctioned bighorn sheep hunting license will be used in an effort to rebuild the bighorn population in South Dakota's Black Hills.

A South Dakota resident paid \$102,000 for a bighorn sheep hunting tag.

Rip Rippentrop of the Midwest Wild Sheep Foundation says the goal is to use the money to buy more sheep for the Black Hills, where the sheep population has declined.

Rippentrop says some areas are being prepared for bighorn sheep. He says the sheep population is dropping because of pneumonia and mountain lions.

Rippentrop says money from the auctioned license could help bring new bighorn sheep back into the area.