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ATTENTION

Sheep Grazing in This Area

FROM: _____ **TO:** _____

Livestock Protection Dogs in Use

Sheep operators use dogs to manage and protect their sheep by scaring off predators. The dogs are here to protect the sheep. If you do not appear to be a threat to the sheep, many times the dogs will just watch you.

Please Avoid Conflict With Protection Dogs.

Don't:

- Hike or ride your all-terrain vehicle/mountain bike into or near the flock.
- Make quick or aggressive movements around the dog(s) or sheep.
- Attempt to hit or throw things at the dog(s) or sheep.
- Yell at dog(s) or sheep, unless approached—then, yell "go back" or "no!"
- Try to outrun the dog(s).

Do:

- Stop and dismount if mountain biking.
- Put your bike between you and the dog.
- Walk your bike until you are well past the sheep.
- Keep your distance from the flock.
- Keep your dog(s) leashed at all times.
- Watch for the protection dog(s) and the herder.
- Remain calm and quiet if a dog(s) approaches.

If you have questions about livestock protection dogs or other wildlife damage management issues, please call Wildlife Services—a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)—at 1-866-4-USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297), or visit the APHIS Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage.

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