



Rocky Mountain bighorn. What are the odds? Well, they are getting tougher. Of the 7.8 billion people in the world, it feels like half of them want to move to Idaho. Couple that with Idaho Fish and Game's declining trophy species tags and a hunter's chances of drawing a trophy tag keep diminishing.

In the late 1980s, Idaho sold just over 200 sheep tags, and they now sell about 80. About the time I was born, Idaho offered over 1,200 moose tags. They now sell about 600. Almost all cow moose tags were eliminated this year. The decline in moose numbers seems to correlate with the introduction of wolves. In the wilderness areas where wolves are the hardest to control, moose populations have taken a nosedive. Even though this seems elementary

on the surface, Idaho Fish and Game has chosen to look elsewhere for the problems. The latest moose plan adopted by the Fish and Game commission lists habitat, noxious weeds, global warming, and winter ticks as culprits causing the moose decline. I'm sure they will spend copious amounts of money to study these effects, but I do question what they will do with the answers.

How did I draw four tags in a six-year period? What is the secret? I'll tell you. The simple answer is I have been blessed. Just like everyone reading this, I have been blessed to even be born. Out of the 7.8 billion people in the world, I have been blessed to be a part of the 330 million who live in the United States. With this citizenship comes fairly liberal gun laws that grant me the right to hunt, fish,