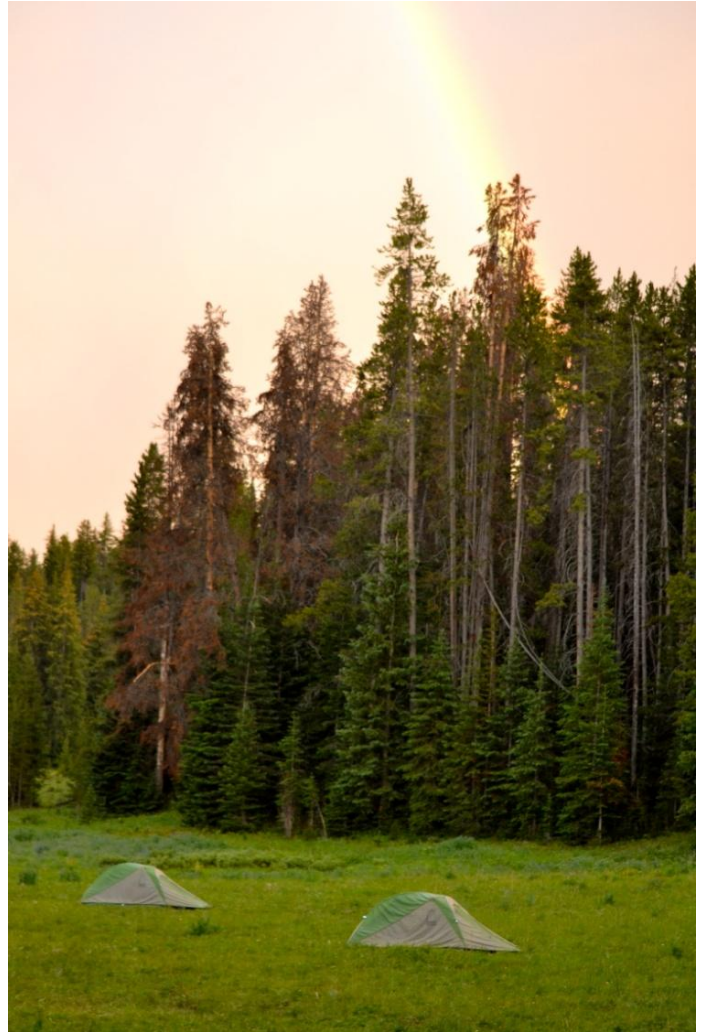


HELLO ALL!

Thanks to the help of everyone we were able to enjoy a productive and fun field season.

Through the season we spent 73 days in the field and camped 53 nights....



.....hiked 423 miles, gaining 137,000 vertical feet....



....and conducted over 200 surveys.



We started our season locating radio collared bighorn ewes in order to assess survival and recruitment.



The crew traveled to Jackson, WY for a week locating bighorns collared by Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Six of the twelve collared ewes we found had lambs at heel.



The crew also spent a week in the Gallatin Range locating bighorns collared by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.



As soon as the snow receded in late June we began conducting occupancy surveys for bighorn sheep and mountain goats, as part of Jesse DeVoe's graduate project.

We observed 106 groups of bighorn sheep this summer..



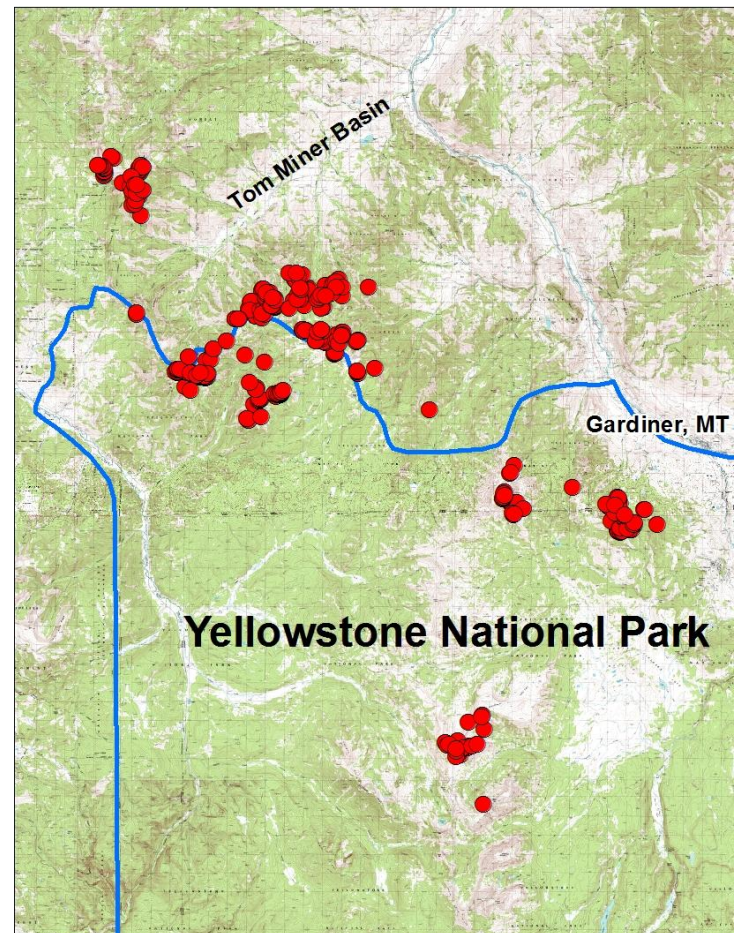
...and were excited to find multiple ram groups in the park.

We observed 159 mountain goat groups.



Mountain goats were abundant throughout the entire study area.

We found mountain goats in many of the same areas as bighorn sheep, though they may use different habitat types.



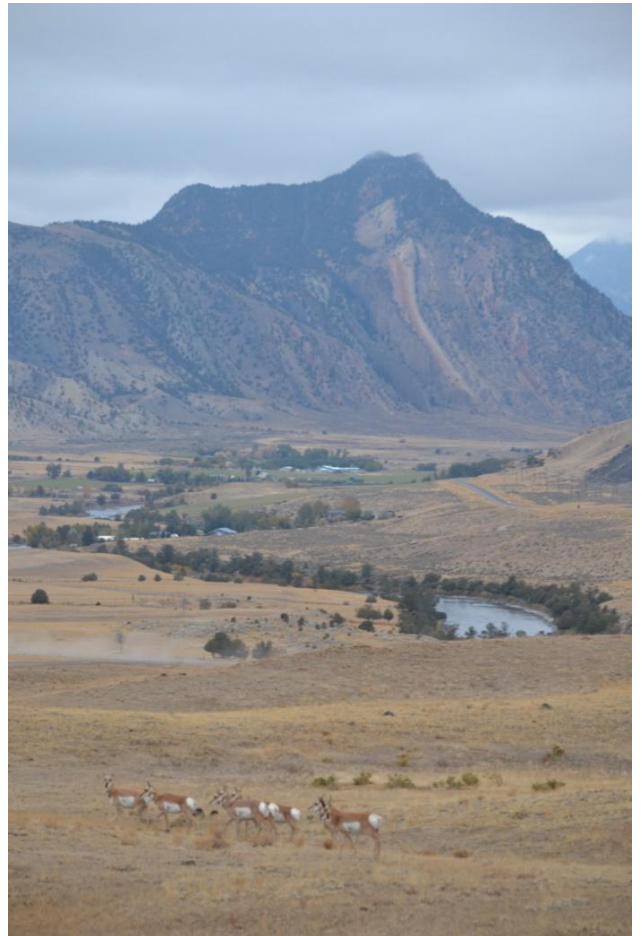
As part of our efforts to capture and radio collar mountain goats we set out trail cameras at different sites.



Although we were unable to capture any mountain goats, our cameras captured surprising shots.



During our summer we also found an abundance of other wildlife.

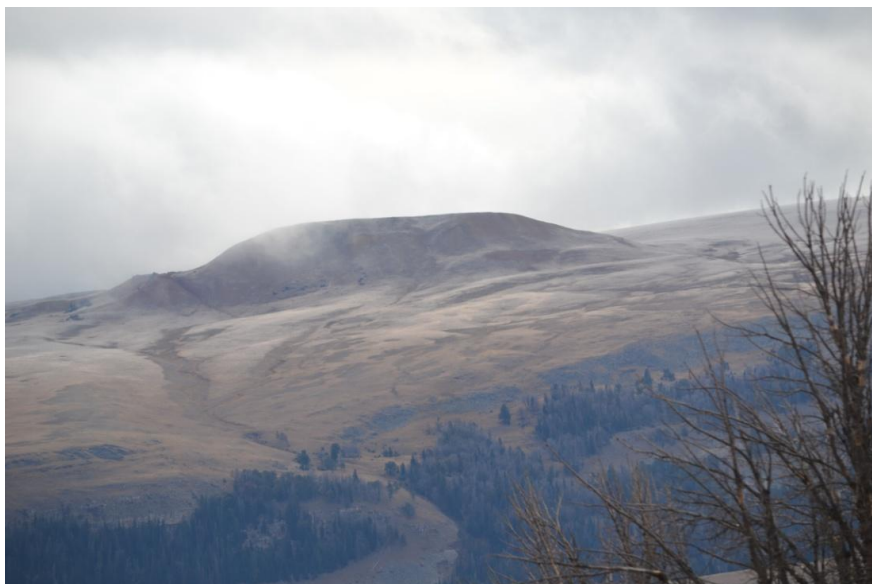


During our time in the high country we experienced the changing of the seasons



Early summer on Ramshorn Peak.

Smokey sunset over the Gallatin Range.



Autumn frost on Quadrant Mountain.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and help! We couldn't have done this without you.



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