

# Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep

- 1** Sheep have a sticky pad on half of their hooves, which is similar to the texture of climbing shoes. This helps them move gracefully and quickly across steep terrain.
- 2** Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep live up to 14,000 feet in elevation. They can even endure winter storms at these high elevations!
- 3** This species broke off from the desert bighorn sheep roughly 400,000 years ago! They moved into the Sierra Nevada and have since adapted to living in an alpine environment.

## Status:

Endangered

## Habitat:

Alpine environments with steep and rocky slopes

## Food:

Forage found in alpine meadows and across their habitat

## Threats:

Predation,  
Disease from domestic sheep & goats,  
Small populations

## Needs for Recovery:

Sustainable populations in multiple herd units

