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This listing is effective July 1, 2018.

Looking to get involved? We are always looking for people willing to serve on the board, help with projects and to help put on fundraising events. For more information, contact Chapter President Mike Rex.



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Upcoming Events

44th Annual Sportsmen for Conservation Fund Banquet and Wildlife Benefit Auction: March 9th, 2019

Washington Sportsmen's Show: January 23-27, 2019

See www.scinw.com for details!

President's Message

It's that time of year again! Some of you have already been out, some are yet to go. I am set to head out on a black powder elk hunt in a week. As I write this my wife, Joanne, is taking a course called Gals & Gun Dogs in Moses Lake. I get to hang out in the travel trailer. Talk about role reversal! She is learning gun safety, trap shooting, dog handling, and will go on a chukar hunt this afternoon. Cool stuff! Except now I think she is going to claim ownership on my Browning Sweet 16, just like she did my Remington Versamax. I really liked both those guns.



As Northwest Chapter Members, we all want to pass along our love for the sport and for the game we hunt. I am thrilled to help out Joanne in any possible way I can. I know she will want to do the same for a new hunter when the time is right. This is part of what we do as hunters, and as club members. We share our experiences together, we learn from each other, and most of all we get involved with the learning experience of new hunters.

I get asked frequently by new hunters where to go and what gun to use. Sometimes about boots and the like. But the questions never seem to come up about safety equipment or how to put together a hunt and make it back home in one piece. I look back on the places I went and the lack of planning that I did as a new hunter, and I am shocked I made it back alive! I'm starting to think it is up to the "more seasoned" hunters to ask the questions of the newer hunter. Such as:

- Do you have cell phone coverage where you are going?
- No? What about renting a satellite phone or testing unit?
- What is your plan to get out if you encounter a snow storm?
- Do you leave all the info on the hunt with someone back home?
- Do you carry fire starters, water purification pills, compass, etc?

All these things roll around my head when I plan a hunt now. But when I started out, none of these were a consideration! Yikes! I would doubt that many new hunters are that different than I was. I have tested this out around the office a bit, and found that my theory is basically correct. While all have said they are taking a cell phone, none have even thought about if they can get a connection where they are going.

It is my hope that those of us that are "more seasoned" will toss out some of these questions, and those that are fairly new to this might start thinking about these things and ask questions of us older guys. I know that having a satellite based texting unit with me a couple years back saved me from being stuck in the wilderness for two weeks with very little food or supplies. At the best it would have been very, very uncomfortable. At worst, we might still be there.....

Safe hunting!
Mike Rex
El Presidente

If you have old, new, funny or memorable pictures & stories about your outdoor adventures, we want them for our newsletter! Send to gary@ridgelinemarketsolutions.com



Justin Haelle with a 2018 archery 5x5 Roosevelt bull



Setting up the wall tent for an elk hunt!



Ron Carter with a helicopter used in the Mountain Goat Project

Olympic National Park Mountain Goat Project

By Ron Carter

The project was nearly ten years' worth of planning and interagency cooperation with the National Park Service, National Forest Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Leading Edge Aviation and Highline Helicopters. The planned dates to capture Goats were September 10 through September 24. I volunteered along with 70 others, mostly from the WDFW Master Hunter Program, to drive the Mountain Goats in refrigerated trucks from Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park to locations in the Cascades.



The Helicopter capture team from Leading Edge Aviation would be using their special Hughes 500 helicopter to dart or net the Goats then the "Mugger" would exit the Helicopter and secure the goats for transport and fly them to the staging area at Hurricane ridge. There they would get a checkup from the veterinary staff, ear tags, radio collars then loaded into special

crates for transport to the release site; they would again be flown to a suitable spot for release. Due to the bad weather, rain & wind, two days of flying were postponed, so I volunteered for the September 23 & 24 shifts in hopes of getting some action.

Sunday morning, September 23rd, turned out to be a calm and sunny day, perfect for flying and capturing Mountain Goats. At 7:00am I made the drive from Port Angeles to the Hurricane Ridge staging area just in time to hear the helicopter leave for his first run around Mt. Olympus. It was a tough day for capture and the morning only produced two Billy's and two Nanny's. I was only supposed to be a driver but was able to be involved in the moving and handling of the goats throughout the day. I helped the Veterinary Staff while they examined, tagged, measured and recorded the goats' health and statistics.

The first Billy had been loaded into a crate in the back of my truck so throughout the day we could move it into shady spots to keep it cool. Since the refrigerated truck could not hold all the goats it was decided I would transport the Billy to the release site in my truck which made for a much better story for me.



2017 Western Washington Archery Elk Hunt

By Ron Carter



The ground transport team consisted of Rob, Rob, and Robert, WDFW Biologist's and "myself", Ron with SCINW. Apparently to drive that day your name had to start with "R". Rob 1 and Rob 2 would drive the refrigerated truck with seven goats, Robert would follow in a pickup truck for support and I would drive with one goat in my truck. One of the other volunteers and his son Logan, a Veterinary student, working with the WDFW would also follow to help at the release site.

We left Hurricane Ridge around 6:30pm for our release site of Swamp Creek on North Cascades Highway 20 near Washington Pass. We would be stopping every hour for about 15 minutes in a quiet location to open the refrigerated truck door and provide fresh air for our precious cargo. Our first stop was the rest area on Highway 101 near Sequim, at this point I realized it was going to be a long night. The Port Townsend Ferries were out of service, so we had to proceed to the Kinston Ferry which was a half hour longer drive and a one hour wait.

Upon arrival at the Kinston Ferry terminal we made them aware of our precious cargo and they graciously allowed us to load first, saying they had seen us on the news. When we arrived at the Edmonds Terminal we disembarked and decided to go to Dicks Drive In for some burgers before the long trek to Washington Pass. Side note: 27 years living here and this was my first trip to Dicks...the Rob's were amused. Full of burgers and fries we headed out via Interstate 5, next stop Cooks Road in Burlington.



We filled up on fuel and provided fresh air for the Goats and then proceeded on Highway 20 to the next stop Marblemount. Repeating fresh air for the goats, leg stretching for us then on to Newhalem, but we decided to drive straight through to the release site. We arrived at the release site near Swamp Creek and Highway 20 at 3:00am and hurried to pitch our tents hoping to get some shut eye before the 6:30am planned release.

2017 Western Washington Archery Elk Hunt

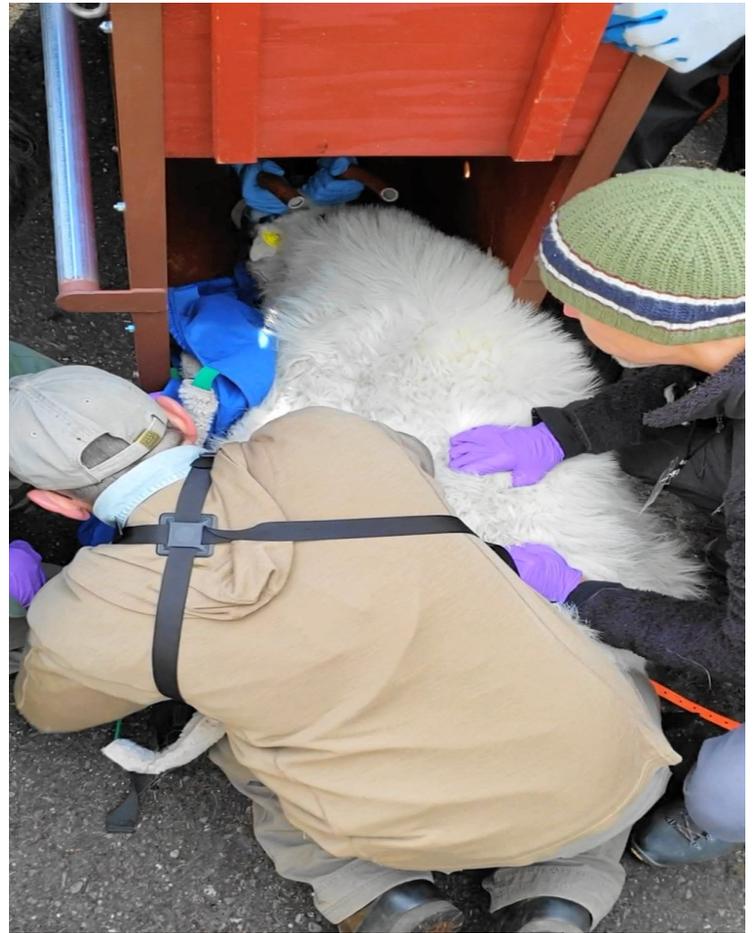
By Ron Carter

I didn't get much rest but was eager to get started when my alarm rang. There were other WDFW employees and volunteers camped and we all hurried to get the loading area and landing site prepared for the helicopter. The clouds were low, and we could not see the mountains. We waited about 30 minutes before we heard the helicopter making passes above us, another 30 minutes passed and then it was clear enough for them to land.

After the release team and equipment had been flown up on the mountain, the first goat, the Billy in my truck's crate, was connected to a long line and off he flew to the release site. All the goats were flown in their crates to the release site high on the mountain and placed side by side with fencing to direct their release path and released all at once. I wish I could have seen that! We were told it was a successful release.

Rich Harris, WDFW Section Manager and Project Lead, debriefed us and thanked us for our contribution to the project's success before we were released. Thereafter, I began the long drive home; tired but feeling rewarded by the experience and new friendships I made. I hope to be involved in the future goat relocations in the coming years.

Ron Carter
SCINW Director



Chapter Volunteer Opportunity And **FREE ENTRY** to the Sportsmen's Show

**Help us staff our Chapter's Booth at the
2019 Washington Sportsmen's Show.**

It will be held at the Washington State Fair Grounds Events Center in Puyallup from January 23rd through the 27th.

Show Hours: Noon to 8PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10AM to 8PM Saturday
10AM to 4PM Sunday

We will divide each day into two shifts and will need extra help to setup on the first day and tear down and store on the last day.

Parking and an entry ticket to the show come with volunteering.

If you are interested and /or have questions contact Del Berg.

Phone (206) 947-0598 email berg.sue@comcast.net

More schedule details will be available when we get closer to the event.

Rugged Expeditions: California Bighorn

By J Alain Smith

I was fortunate enough to receive a California bighorn sheep permit for Washington State this fall and what a hunt it turned out to be! With all the fires and resulting smoke in eastern Washington, the pre-scouting was difficult and discouraging at times.

Luckily I had teamed up with Glen Landrus and Brian Bailey to help find that extra special ram. We saw lots of likely candidates and decided on a couple that were outstanding, with one ram being super. Unfortunately wild sheep do not always follow the script and the monster we were after disappeared the day before the opening of sheep season.

But hard work from the whole team and a whole lot of hiking, climbing and sweat paid off with this beautiful specimen. Thanks to the Washington State Fish and Game, Wild Sheep Foundation and SCI we are able to pursue these incredible animals. Being able to film the whole event for my YouTube show Rugged Expeditions was a dream come true.



SCI NORTHWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS CLASSIFIED ADS

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BANQUET AND WILDLIFE BENEFIT AUCTION**

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- ✓ **Steak OR Halibut \$75 Same Price AS Last Year**
- ✓ **You Do Not Have to Be A Member of SCI To Attend**

ADVANCE TICKET SALES DEADLINE: MARCH 4TH, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
EARLY BIRD TICKET SALES DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25TH, 2019 @ 11:59 PM!!
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3 :00 PM - CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

6:00 PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM

7:00 PM - LIVE AUCTION

10:00 PM - EVENT ENDS – THANK YOU!

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Every Youth in the room between the age of 6 and the age of 18 will also be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one youth firearm!

Adventures with Brian

Chapter board member Brian Wissner: I have gone out black bear hunting several times this year with some great encounters and some wonderful experiences. I seem to get closer to harvesting a bear every time I encounter one and the shot opportunities are intense encounters and last only a few seconds.

I was up near Stevens Pass for this hunt and made an 11-mile hike in two days, with more than half off the trails and just hiking around the beautiful blueberry hillsides. I have been fogged out twice at this location and have started to learn this place a bit after having been going here for a second season.

Works schedules are difficult to match up between some of my friends to go hunting. I am wondering if anyone else is looking for a hunting partner for bear, deer or elk? I am really interested in finding someone who is really wanting to go out for some bear hunting adventures. Come to a board meeting and we can chat about hunting and adventures to come.



Adventures with Brian

I became one of the lucky few to get an elk and a deer before my hunting season opens for the year. Thankfully WA WDFW finally made it legal in the last few years to salvage deer and elk roadkill.

Both of these salvages happened when I was in the right place at the right time. A lot of people who are not hunters don't realize that a good portion of roadkill are still quality meat whether for people or dogs.

Studies have shown that six ounces of uncooked game meat can include anywhere from 33.6 grams (from bear) to 38.4 grams (from deer and elk) of protein!

I can't wait to test out new recipes and show my friends and family that wild game meat is some of the best food out there. I have also already made a 15 pound batch of dog food with a good chunk of the meat being trimmings off of the wild game I have harvested. I find myself realizing that there is nothing else I would rather be doing than hunting, fishing and spending time with family.



NW Chapter Safari Club International & Sportsmen for Conservation

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Reward given at the discretion of the SCI NW Board of Directors.

Call 911 to report a poaching in progress

POACHING TIP HOTLINE

1-877-933-9847

Anti-Poaching Program

In September of 2016, the Northwest Chapter Launched an Anti-Poaching Program that rewards individuals who have contributed to the conviction of a poacher.

As hunters, we know poaching has a direct effect on those of us who follow the rules. Poaching diminishes fish and wildlife populations, which reduces hunting, fishing and watchable wildlife opportunities for everyone.

The chapter has created Anti-Poaching signs that will be distributed at our events. If you would like to display one on your property, contact Brett Singer at brett.singer@yahoo.com.

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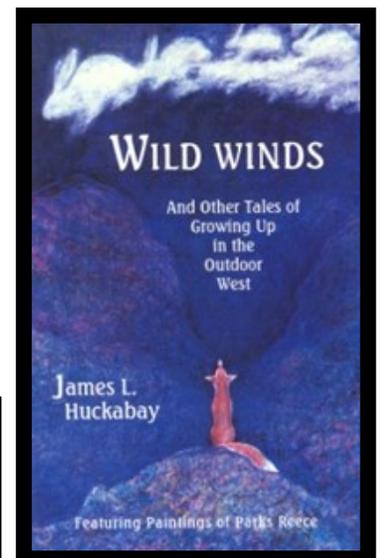
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The school offers six teacher sessions and one student session for ages 16-18 in Wyoming. A registration fee of \$900 covers meals, lodging, and round-trip ground transportation to and from the Jackson, Wyoming, airport.

Scholarships are available.

Applications can be found on SCIF's website: <http://safariclubfoundation.org/education/american-wilderness-school>

For information on registration, program specifics, and session dates contact Todd Roggenkamp at troggenkamp@safariclub.org or (520)954-0669.



State Hunting News

WDFW director authorizes lethal action against Old Profanity Territory wolf pack

OLYMPIA – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Director Kelly Susewind authorized department staff to lethally remove wolves from a new pack that has repeatedly preyed on cattle on federal grazing lands in the Kettle River Range of Ferry County.

WDFW staff have confirmed that on six separate occasions since Sept. 4, one or more members of the Old Profanity Territory (OPT) pack killed one calf and injured five others on a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) grazing allotment. The pack occupies the same general area as the Profanity Peak pack in 2016.

Five of the OPT depredations are described in a Sept. 11 report on the WDFW website at https://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/gray_wolf/updates.php. The sixth incident, confirmed after the report was published, resulted in an injured calf, which has been removed from the grazing allotment with its mother.

Susewind authorized "incremental" removal of wolves from the pack, consistent with the state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and the lethal removal provisions of the department's wolf-livestock interaction protocol. Both the plan and protocol define the initial step in incremental removal as meaning one or two wolves.

Under the protocol, WDFW can consider lethal action against wolves if department staff confirm three predations by wolves on livestock within 30 days, or four within 10 months. Depredations confirmed by WDFW in the past week meet the first criterion.

Based on a recent court order, the department must provide one business day's (eight court hours) advance public notice before initiating lethal action on wolves. Consequently, the department will initiate lethal removal efforts against the OPT pack no sooner than the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 13.

WDFW will use humane lethal removal methods consistent with state and federal laws. The objective is to use the best methods available while considering human safety, humanness to wolves, swift completion of the removal, weather, efficacy, and cost. Likely options in this case include shooting from a helicopter, trapping, and shooting from the ground.

As outlined in the wolf plan and protocol, incremental removal includes periods of active removals or attempts to remove wolves followed by periods of evaluation to determine if pack behavior has changed.

The department documented the presence of the OPT pack in May and notified the public on June 1. The affected livestock producer and USFS were also notified. Recent surveys indicate the pack includes three or four adult wolves and two pups. Wildlife managers have monitored the pack's move-

ments since June, when the adult male was captured and fitted with a tracking collar.

The protocol requires livestock producers to employ specified non-lethal measures to deter wolves from preying on livestock before WDFW will consider lethal action. In this case, the producer employed several approved deterrents:

- Using range riders to keep watch over his herd;
- Calving outside of occupied wolf range;
- Delaying turning out cattle until July 10 – a month later than usual – when calving is finished and the calves are larger and less prone to predation;
- Removing or securing livestock carcasses to avoid attracting wolves to the rest of the herd; and
- Removing sick and injured livestock from the grazing area.

Between Aug. 20 and 26, before WDFW had confirmed any depredations by wolves, three dead calves were found on the grazing allotment. The cause of their deaths could not be determined because most of their flesh and hides were gone.

At that point, the range riders increased their patrols and helped the producer attempt to move the livestock away from the area where they suspected wolf activity.

The producer is continuing his efforts to move the cattle, and WDFW deployed Foxlights to deter wolves from preying on those remaining at the site.

The goal of lethal removal as described in the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan is to manage wolf-livestock conflicts to minimize livestock losses without undermining the recovery of a sustainable wolf population. The purpose of the OPT lethal action is to change wolf pack behavior to reduce the potential for continued depredations on livestock while continuing to promote wolf recovery.

Consistent with the terms of the plan and protocol, the rationale for lethal removal of OPT wolves is as follows:

- WDFW has documented six wolf depredations by the pack within the last 30 days. All of the incidents were confirmed wolf depredations, which resulting in one dead calf and five injured calves. All six depredations in this area occurred since Sept. 4;
- At least two pro-active deterrence measures and various responsive measures, put in place after the initial depredations, have failed to meet the goal of changing pack behavior to reduce the potential for continued predation on livestock;
- WDFW expects depredations to continue based of the history of depredations;
- The department has documented the use of appropriate deterrents and has informed the public in a timely manner, as described in the protocol; and
- The lethal removal of wolves is not expected to harm the wolf population's ability to reach recovery objectives statewide or within the state's eastern recovery region.

News from SCI Headquarters

SCI: Illegal Poaching Puts Giraffes at Risk in Africa

Giraffes are among wildlife species adversely affected by increased illegal poaching in Botswana. This follows the banning of legal hunting there several years ago. The information was included recently during a presentation to the International Wildlife Conservation Council by Joseph Mbaiwa, Professor, Tourism Studies, Okavango Research Institute, University of Botswana. More details were included in Prof. Mbaiwa's written report that was published in a peer-reviewed journal, the *South African Geographical Journal*.

"It is obvious to me that a lack of hunting is a cause for the decline in giraffe numbers," said Safari Club International President Paul Babaz.

"Illegal hunting incidents are reported to be on the increase in most parts of Northern Botswana," Mbaiwa's longer written report stated, adding that "one of the possible explanations for the recent estimated declines in the populations of some medium and large herbivore species (such as impala, tsessebe, zebra, kudu, giraffe, and lechwe) is increased pressure from illegal hunting by inhabitants of villages and settlements in and surrounding the Okavango Delta."

"SAIEA (Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment) argues that it is conceivable that 4000 wild animals are being harvested illegally each year in the Okavango Delta," the paper continues. "Illegal hunting for meat may be the most significant factor to account for the recent declines in herbivore species in the Okavango Delta. Therefore, there is need for poaching to be prevented to maintain viable populations of targeted ungulates in Northern Botswana."

Prof. Mbaiwa's written report also outlined how illegal poaching decreased after hunting was instituted in that country during the past century – before the hunting ban several years ago.

Commission approves Wooten land purchase, hoof disease designations

OLYMPIA – The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has approved the acquisition of a timbered 58-acre property that will provide habitat for deer and elk and increase recreational access within the Wooten Wildlife Area in Columbia County.

The commission, a citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), also approved several other property transactions during a meeting Sept. 14-15 in Olympia, including an easement for a trail linking the department's Tumwater Falls Hatchery to the mouth of the Deschutes River at Capitol Lake in Olympia.

WDFW plans to use federal grant funds – generated through a tax on the sale of arms and ammunition – to buy the Wooten land from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for \$175,000. The parcel is an "inholding" within the wildlife area.

In other business, the commission added four game management units (568, 572, 574, and 578) in Clark, Klickitat, and Skamania counties to the list of GMUs where infectious hoof disease has been confirmed in elk. Hunters who harvest an elk in these areas are required to remove the hooves and leave them in place to avoid spreading the disease.

SCI NW Hunting Awards Program

The Northwest Chapter is launching our 2018 Chapter Awards Program! The Chapter Awards Program is a fun program designed to honor our members and their hunts. SCI NW Members are highly encouraged to enter their harvested animals, whether they are monsters or not!

The Details:

Entries will be accepted for all species and categories recognized by Safari Club International Trophy Records Committee harvested in the 2018 season.

Our chapter's awards will be for the top three entries in the following categories: NORTH AMERICA, AFRICA, EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA, SOUTH PACIFIC, ASIA, EXOTIC, LADY HUNTERS, ALTERNATE METHODS, YOUNG HUNTER, and for NORTH AMERICA SELF GUIDED. **We also have a category that will include any animal that has never before been entered – for new members who joined in the past two years.**

All entries in this category will compete with each other no matter what continent it was taken on and no matter the method of take was.

Alternate methods will include archery, crossbow, handgun, muzzleloader and others, all in the same category. There will be only three awards in this category, no matter where the trophy was taken, or by which alternate method.

Entries must have been taken, or received in shipment between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, (except for the never before entered category).

Animals must be scored by an Official SCI Measurer on an Official SCI Measuring form.

Official SCI NW Chapter Measurers are: Mike Rex, Mike Price, James Endress, Brian Wissner, Brett Singer, Ken Nagel, Gary Tennison or any other SCI Certified Measurer to have your animal scored.

Entries will be accepted until July 1st, 2019.

Awards will be presented at our summer meeting tentatively in August.

You are allowed unlimited entries but can only win one trophy category plus our "Best Overall" and some special category trophies.

Any chapter member interested in submitting their entries for consideration, need to send their **completed forms and a photo of the animal** to our Chapter Awards Committee Chairman,

Gary Tennison at 9718 36th street NW, Gig Harbor, WA 989335 - gtennison@centurytel.net

Ken Nagel at 7605 NE 69th Street, Vancouver, WA 98662 - khnagel@comcast.net

If you have any questions, please give Gary or Ken a call or email. If you have a photo, email is preferred. This is just another great benefit of being a member of the SCI Northwest Chapter.

Send your entries TODAY and you too could be a winner!

Thank you,
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