ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Wood River Wolf Project

As a Wood River Wolf Project (WRWP) volunteer ("Volunteer"), I, the undersigned, understand that the areas I will be working in are in the backcountry, and that medical treatment for injury or sudden illness beyond basic first aid may not be available in a timely manner, that communication by satellite phone or other device, if available, is subject to technological and climactic vagaries and that emergency transportation to a medical facility, if I am injured, may be delayed based on my location, weather, road and trail conditions, and other factors.

- I, the undersigned Volunteer, understand that some WRWP volunteer activities carry inherent risks, which are beyond the control of the WRWP field staff, the Lava Lake Institute for Science & Conservation (the "Institute"), sheep operators, government agencies, and any other organization or person affiliated with the WRWP and their respective employees and assigns.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, understand that the risks while volunteering for the WRWP include, **but are not limited to**, <u>severe weather</u>, including micro-bursts, unseasonably cold weather, precipitation in the form of rain, sleet and snow, and very strong winds, resulting in hypothermia or death; <u>envenomation</u> by rattlesnake and poisonous insect; death or serious injury resulting from hiking on <u>rough and uneven terrain</u>; death or serious injury from encounters with <u>mountain lions</u>, <u>black bears and other predatory and non-predatory animals</u>; and death or serious injury from <u>wildfire or other natural event</u> that may be encountered in a backcountry or wilderness setting.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, understand that these risks also include the risk of injury or death during <u>transportation</u> to and from the areas where volunteers are needed.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, understand that I assume all risks associated with volunteering for the WRWP.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself resulting from my behavior and actions while I am volunteering for the WRWP.
- I, the undersigned Volunteer, assume full responsibility for loss or damage to my personal property while volunteering for the WRWP and for any expenses associated with such loss as a result of my negligence.

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I agree to hold any and all entities and persons involved with the WRWP, including...

...the Institute and its officers, directors and employees (including WRWP field staff, other volunteers and any other persons engaged in a paid or non-paid capacity by the Institute on behalf of the WRWP), WRWP-participating sheep operators and their employees, and the individual members of the WRWP Steering Committee and the organizations such members represent...

...harmless in case of injury to myself and/or the loss of my personal property.

I have carefully read and understand this Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability, and have voluntarily signed my name below:

| Signature: | Date: |
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| Print Name: | |

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