Bighorn Sheep

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Investigation Booklet Final Thoughts		
Summary: Highways act as artificial boundaries that isolate bighorn sheep populations from each other, which leads to inbreeding.		
1. In this unit, you discussed a number of examples of how we change habitats to make our own daily life better. Think of the examples we discussed (bighorn sheep, monarch butterflies, oil spills, seabirds, and wood turtles) and list at least three ways that changing habitats improves our living conditions.		
Habitats We Change	Improves Our Living Conditions	
Example: Add roads to desert landscape	Facilitates travel	
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2. State planners plan to build a new highway through a local mountain forest. You are worried that the highway might isolate skunk populations from different sides of the new highway. What data would you collect to determine whether the new highway, once built, is isolating skunk populations from each other?