

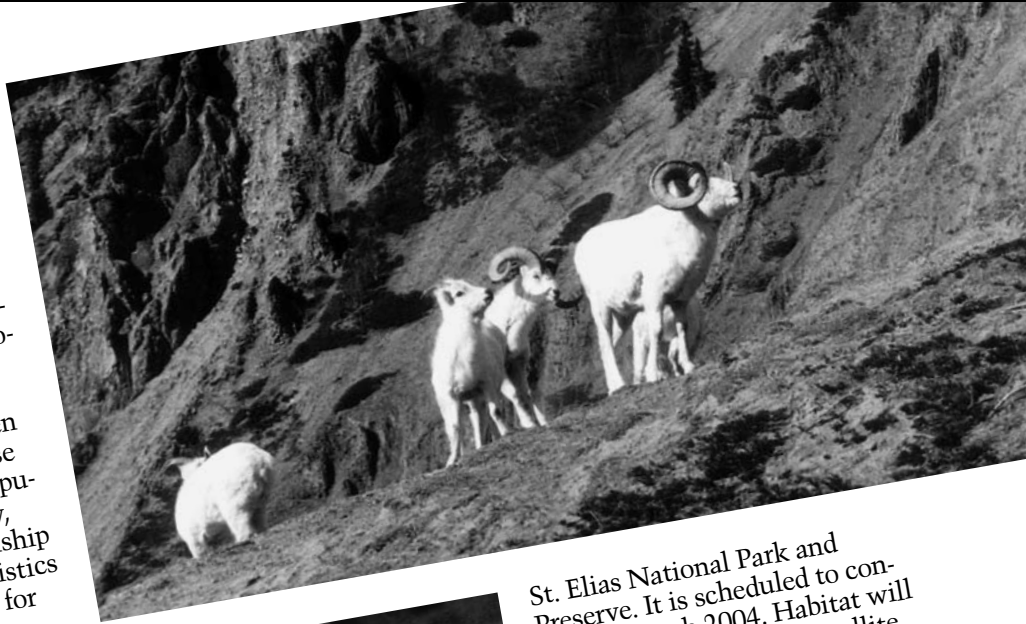
# Making a Difference for Wildlife

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**Dall Sheep Habitat Research**  
Wrangell-St. Elias  
National Park, Alaska, USA  
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**I**N ORDER TO design and implement sound management programs, it is imperative that wildlife managers identify relevant habitat differences between areas and understand how these differences influence sheep population performance. Currently, little is known of the relationship between landscape characteristics and population performance for Dall sheep.



St. Elias National Park and Preserve. It is scheduled to continue through 2004. Habitat will be compared by USGS satellite imagery and sheep diets compared by analysis of fecal pellets.

Wrangell-St. Elias is renowned for its abundance of Dall sheep and for the large horns carried by its rams. About 20 percent of the world's and 30 percent of Alaska's Dall sheep occur here. This project will contribute valuable fundamental data about Dall sheep ecology, and the results are expected to be applicable to sheep ranges throughout Alaska and Canada.



Funded by SCI Northern Alaska, this project, under Dr. Brad Griffith, associate professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, began in 2001 and will compare sheep population density and recruitment, and sheep body size to habitat variables in the Chisana and Chitina ranges of the Wrangell-

