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Alaska has the unique and wonderful distinction of being the only state in the United States where Dall Sheep can be found. Dall sheep generate millions of dollars in revenue that trickle down to the residents of Alaska and they are the keystone of an important micro economy that employs hundreds of people in eco-tourism, hunting and public and private conservation positions. Domestic sheep and goats are not unique to Alaska, they can be raised virtually anywhere and will never come close to matching any of the benefits that Dall Sheep bring to Alaska. All measures and testing that can be used to prevent any disease transmission from domestic sheep and goats to wild sheep populations should be immediately considered and acted upon.