

## Quicksilver Air INC

*Wildlife Capture Specialists*



### **"Season's Greetings"**

We are pleased to announce the recent expansion of Quicksilver Air's wildlife capture services!

Mark Shelton was employed in June, 2008 to be our second capture pilot based from Colorado. Mark has more than 10 years of helicopter wildlife management experience throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and New Zealand. Quicksilver Air also welcomes two new gunners, Jonathon Rowe and David Rivers. Both Jonathon and David have a wide range of gunning experience throughout North America. Also now based in our Colorado office is Lisa Shelton who is coordinating capture projects from this base.

*"I was very pleased when I learned that Mark, Jonathon and David were now working with Quicksilver....the central Nevada desert bighorn capture took place at high elevation from 11,000ft to 11,800ft. Not only was the crew very efficient, effective and professional as usual, the inherent challenges of working at high elevation did not hamper their performance in the least....I have had the experience with several other capture crews over the years and Mark, Jonathon and David consistently bring animals back to base in much better shape than most."*

Tom Donham, Biologist III, NDOW.



**Desert bighorn sheep capture,  
Muddy Mountains, Nevada,  
October 2008**



**Caribou capture, Alaska,  
September 2008**



**Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep  
capture up to 13,000 ft; California,  
October 2008**



**Moose capture, Alaska, November  
2008**

Our helicopter fleet based from Colorado now consists of three MD500D's and one Robinson R44II. From Alaska we are operating six Robinson R44's with our MD500's available when required. We use both ships for wildlife capture and have recently had an increased demand for the Robinson R44 to be used for wildlife survey flights due to the economical operating costs of this helicopter.

*“Over the past 20 years I have collaborated with more than a dozen wildlife capture operators...I consider the capture crew from Quicksilver Air to be the most talented, professional, and above all, the safest capture team I have had the privilege of working with. In this state, wildlife capture and translocation programs are now characterized by long-term success and extremely low rates of capture-related mortality (less than 1%); this is testament to the skills of the pilot and capture team...Quicksilver Air Inc. is a recognized leader in the field of wildlife capture and restraint in the Western United States, and rightly so”.*

Mark Atkinson, DVM, Veterinarian/Chief of Game Division, NDOW.



**Caribou capture using Robinson R44 helicopter, Forty Mile Herd, Alaska, September 2008**

*“Very few pilots currently operating in the western U.S. can match Rick's extensive range of experience...Unlike a number of other operators that focus primarily on speed and fast capture rates, avoiding capture stress and conducting operations that facilitate data collection in a humane manner is, in our experience one of Rick's best attributes....It would be hard to find anybody that is easier to work with... We have less experience with Mark Shelton. Even so, Mark in just a few years working in North America has developed a very positive reputation that precedes him. Mark is younger than Rick but started capture work in New Zealand, so his level of experience is nevertheless impressive”.*

John Cook, Ph.D, Research Biologist.

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays!

***Rick & Sharon Swisher***

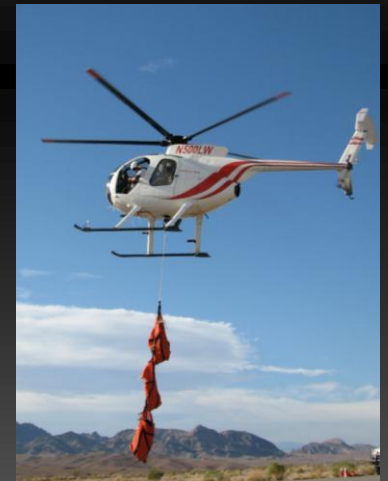
***And all the Quicksilver Air team***



**Desert bighorn sheep capture, River Mountains, Nevada 2008**



**Moose capture, Alaska, November 2008**



**Desert bighorn sheep capture, Muddy Mountains, Nevada, October 2008.**

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