

Hunting Boundaries

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WACs:

- 220-410-010 GMU Boundary Descriptions-Region 1.**
- 220-410-040 GMU Boundary Descriptions-Region 4.**
- 220-410-050 GMU Boundary Descriptions-Region 5.**
- 220-410-060 GMU Boundary Descriptions-Region 6.**
- 220-415-010 Deer Area Descriptions.**
- 220-415-040 Elk Area Descriptions.**

Content

1. GMU Boundaries

- Region 1 (1 proposal)
- Region 4 (2 proposals)
- Region 5 (3 proposals)

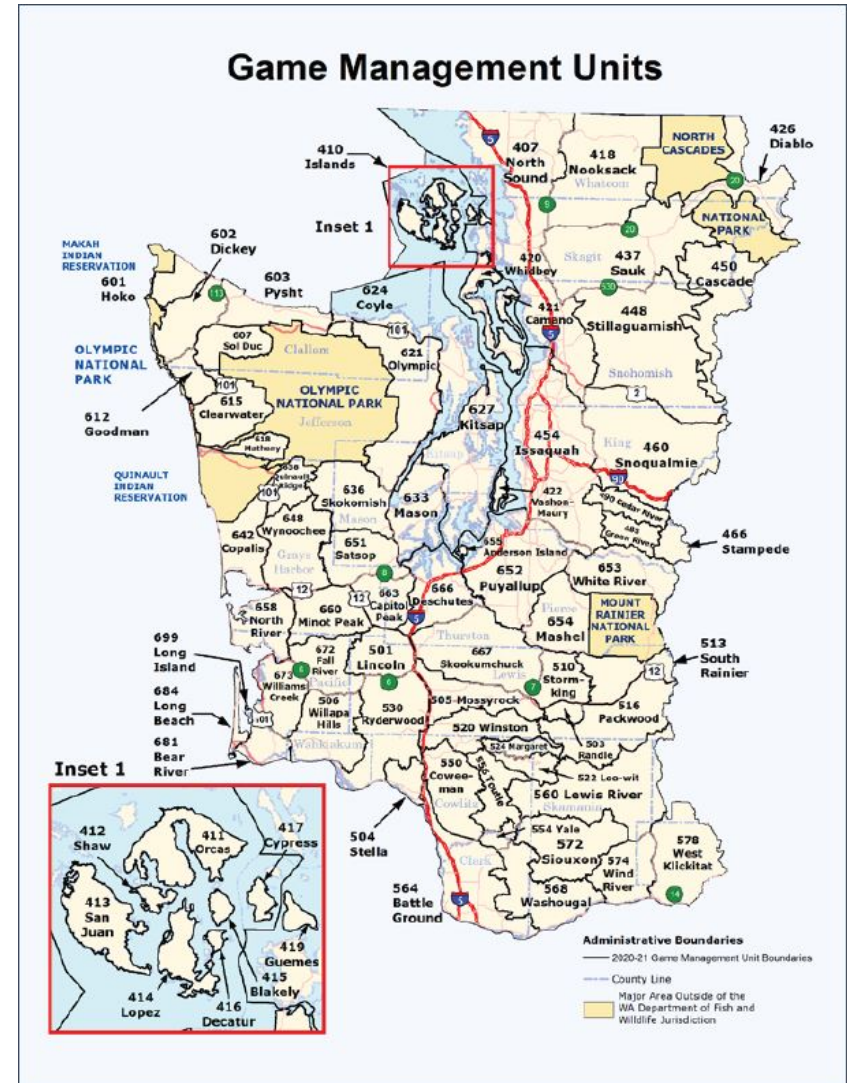
2. Elk Area Descriptions

- 4 proposals

3. Deer Area Descriptions

- 2 proposals

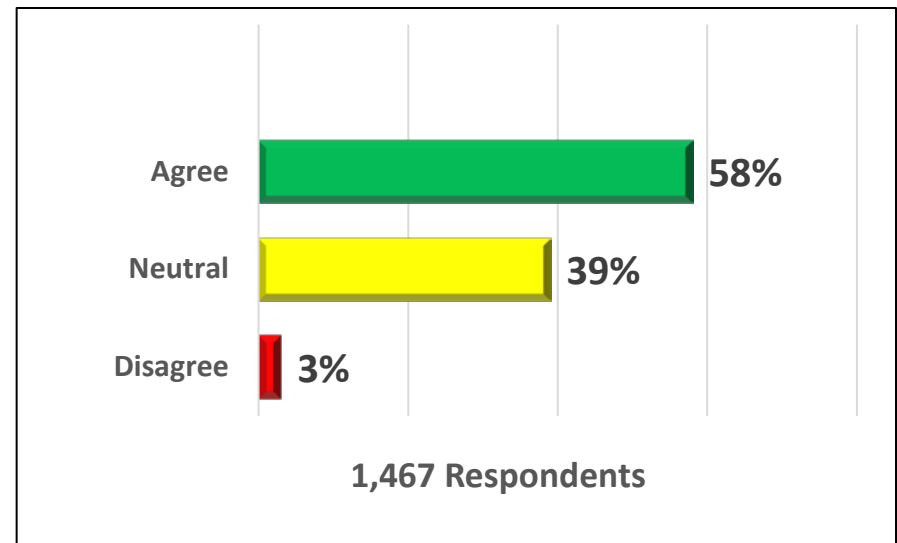
4. Questions



GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 1

WAC 220-410-010

- Minor adjustment
- The elk drift fence serves as a portion of the boundary for GMUs 175 and 178
- The fence was extended ~3/4 of a mile
- Proposed change modifies the boundary accordingly



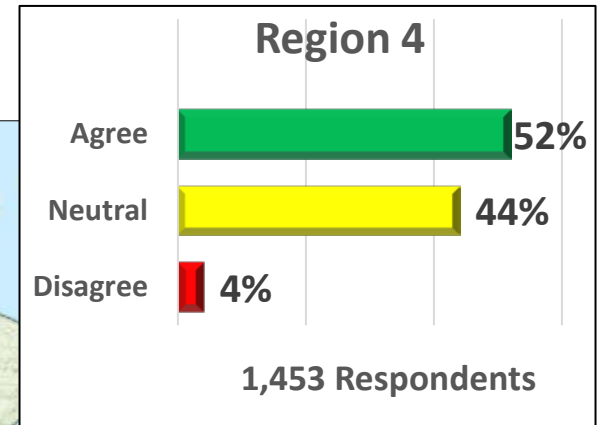
4 agree, 1 disagree



GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 4

WAC 220-410-040

- Make Henry Island and Stuart Island standalone GMUs to lessen hunter confusion and improve harvest estimates
- No specific comments



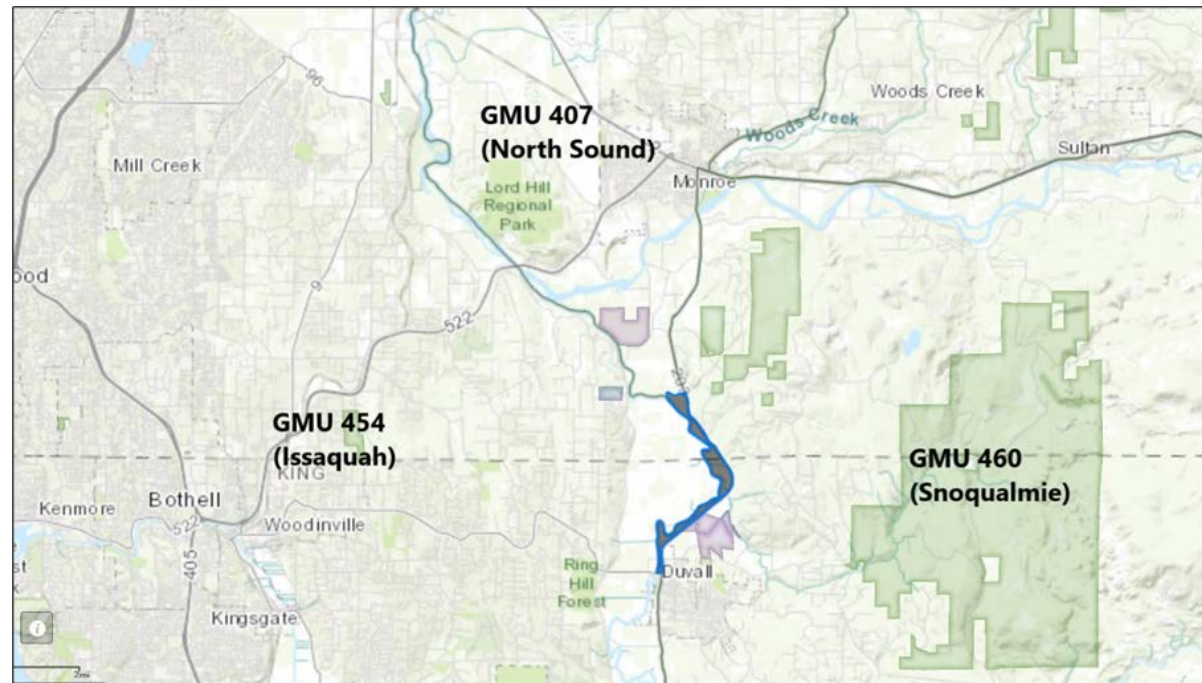
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GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 4

WAC 220-410-040

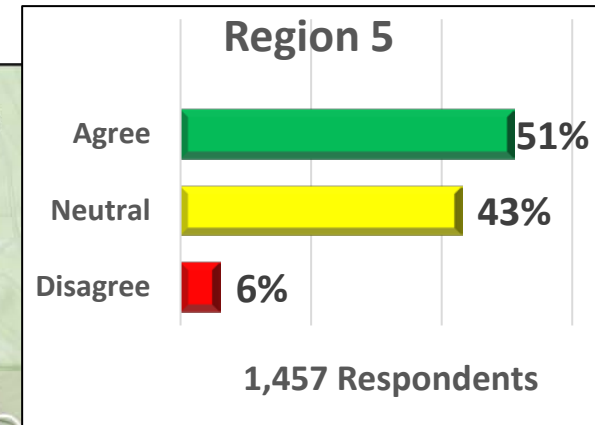
- Adjust the boundary for GMUs 407 and 454
- The current boundary description results in a very narrow portion of GMU 407 that is bordered to the east by GMU 460 and to the west by GMU 454
- This small area (~450 acres) of GMU 407 causes confusion and enforcement issues
- Proposed change would add shaded area to GMU 454
- **No specific comment**



GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 5

WAC 220-410-050

- Minor adjustment to the boundary for GMUs 568 and 572 that would shift ~75 acres (shaded area) to GMU 568
- Objective is to reduce hunter confusion
- No specific comments



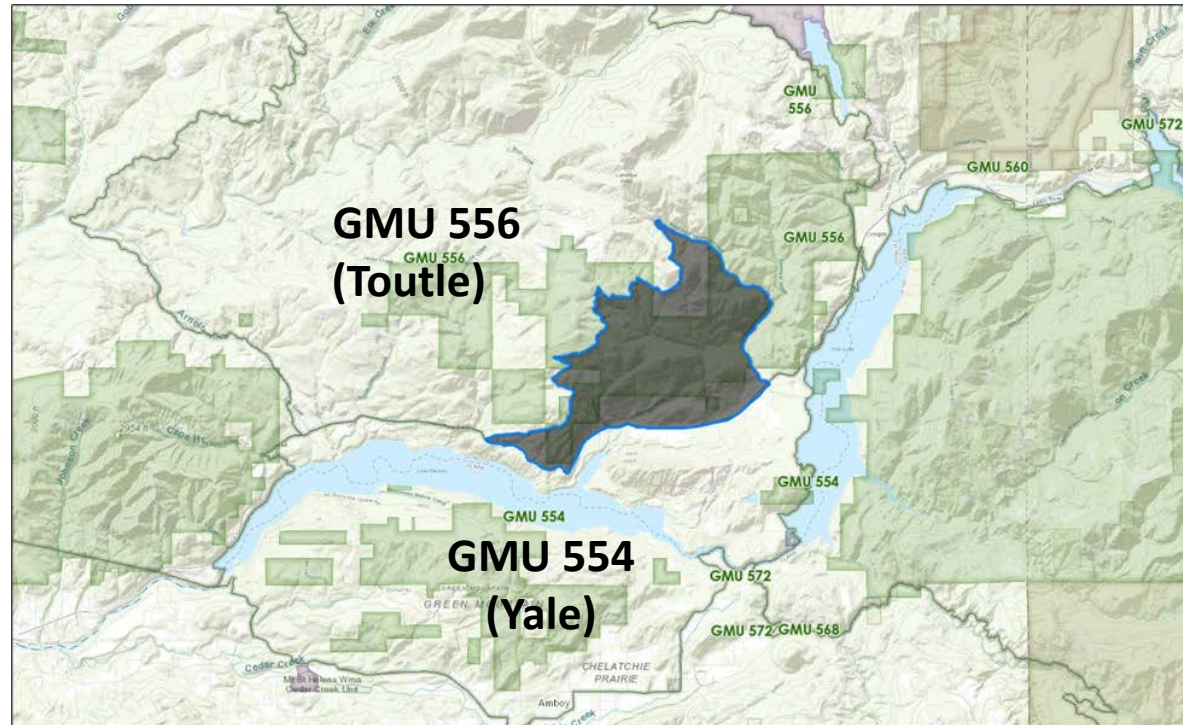
- 3 generally agree
- 3 generally disagree



GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 5

WAC 220-410-050

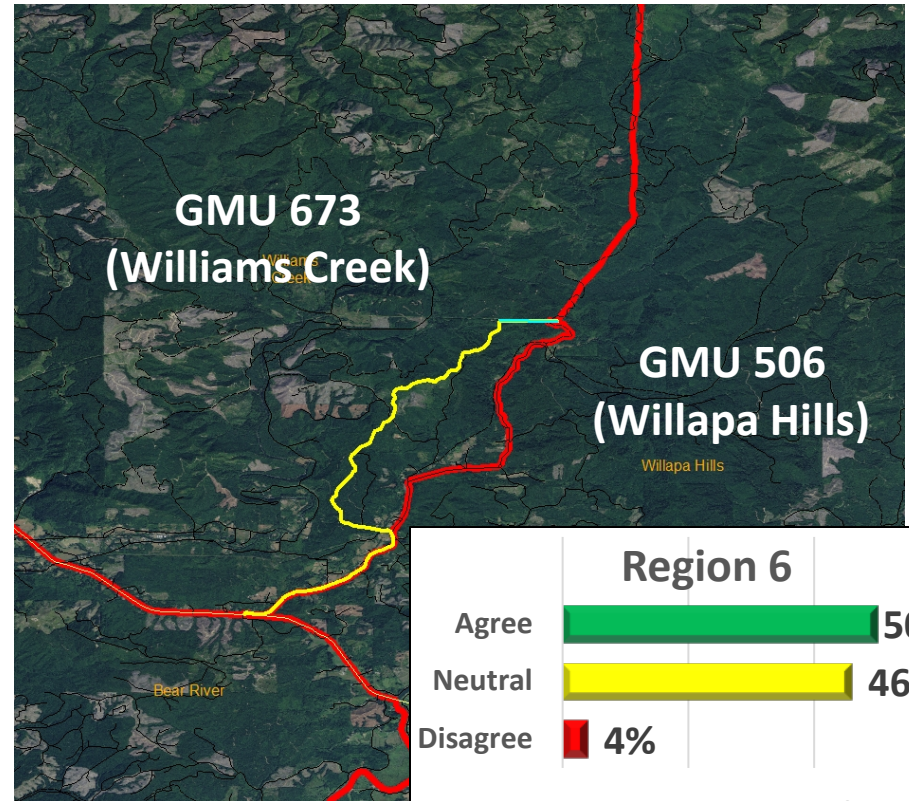
- Add the portion of GMU 554 that is north of State Route 503 (shaded area) to GMU 556
- GMU 554 is a firearm restriction area
- Shaded area is ~6,400 acres and predominately public forestland (DNR)
- Objective is to reduce hunter confusion and alleviate enforcement issues
- 6 disagree



GMU BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS REGION 5

WAC 220-410-050

- Formally adopt a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 and 673 that was implemented as an emergency rule in 2020
- Change to this boundary was adopted in April 2020
- Landowner the change was unwarranted
- After consultation between Regional staff and the landowner, the boundary was changed back to what it was in 2019
- This is the only change associated with WAC 220-410-060

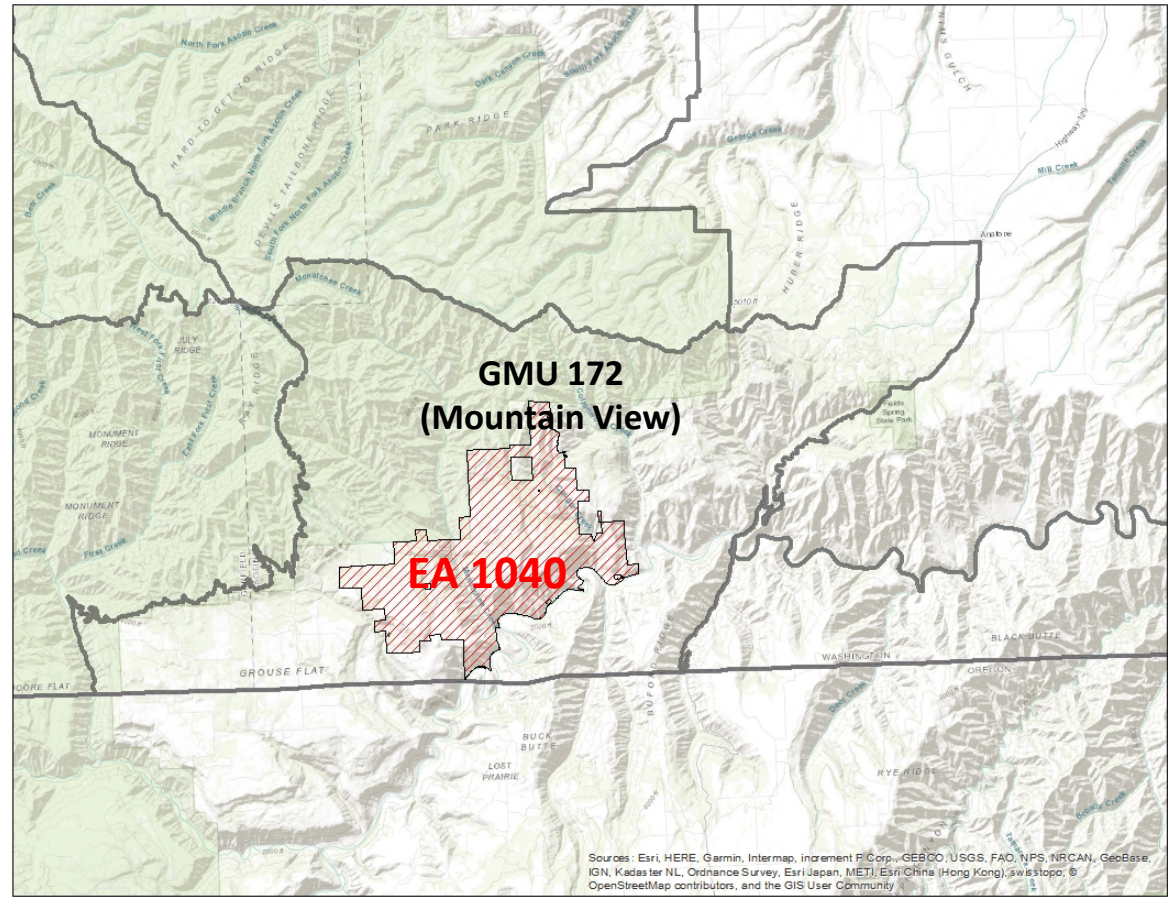


- 1 disagree

ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS

WAC 220-415-040

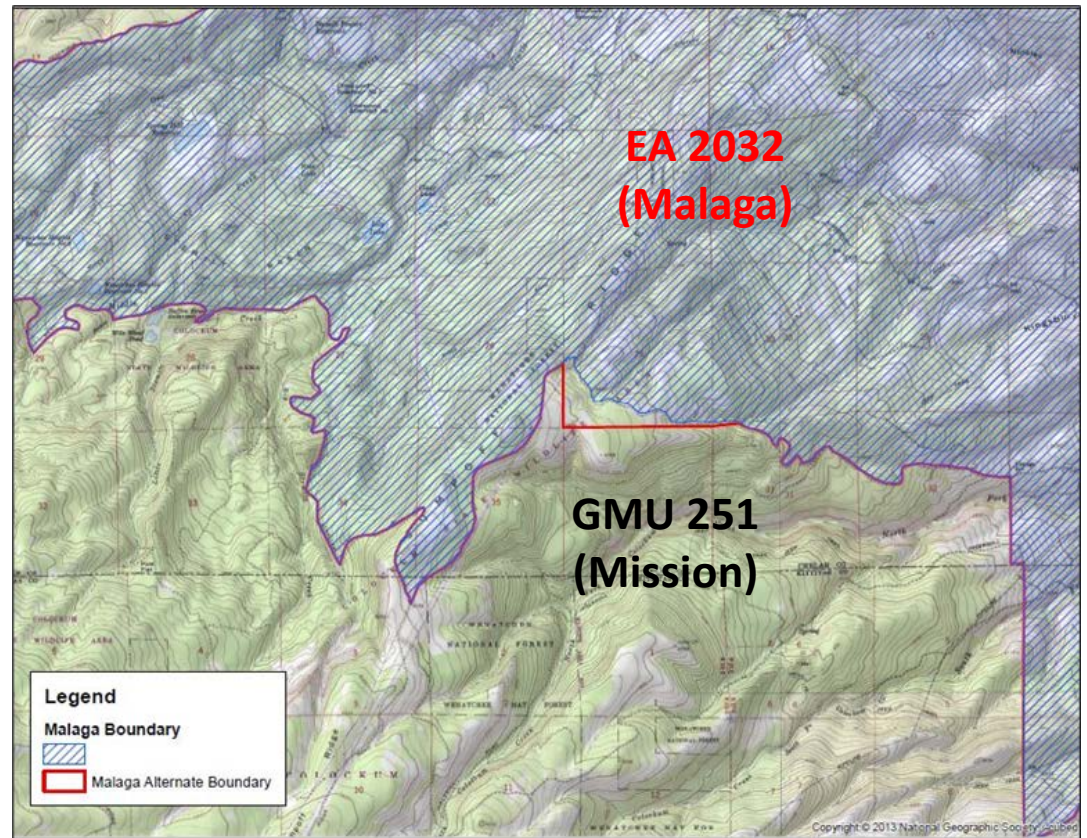
- Remove Elk Area 1040
- Objective is to open the 4-O Wildlife Area to general season elk hunters
- This change will also apply to Deer Area 1040 (WAC 220-415-010)



ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS

WAC 220-415-040

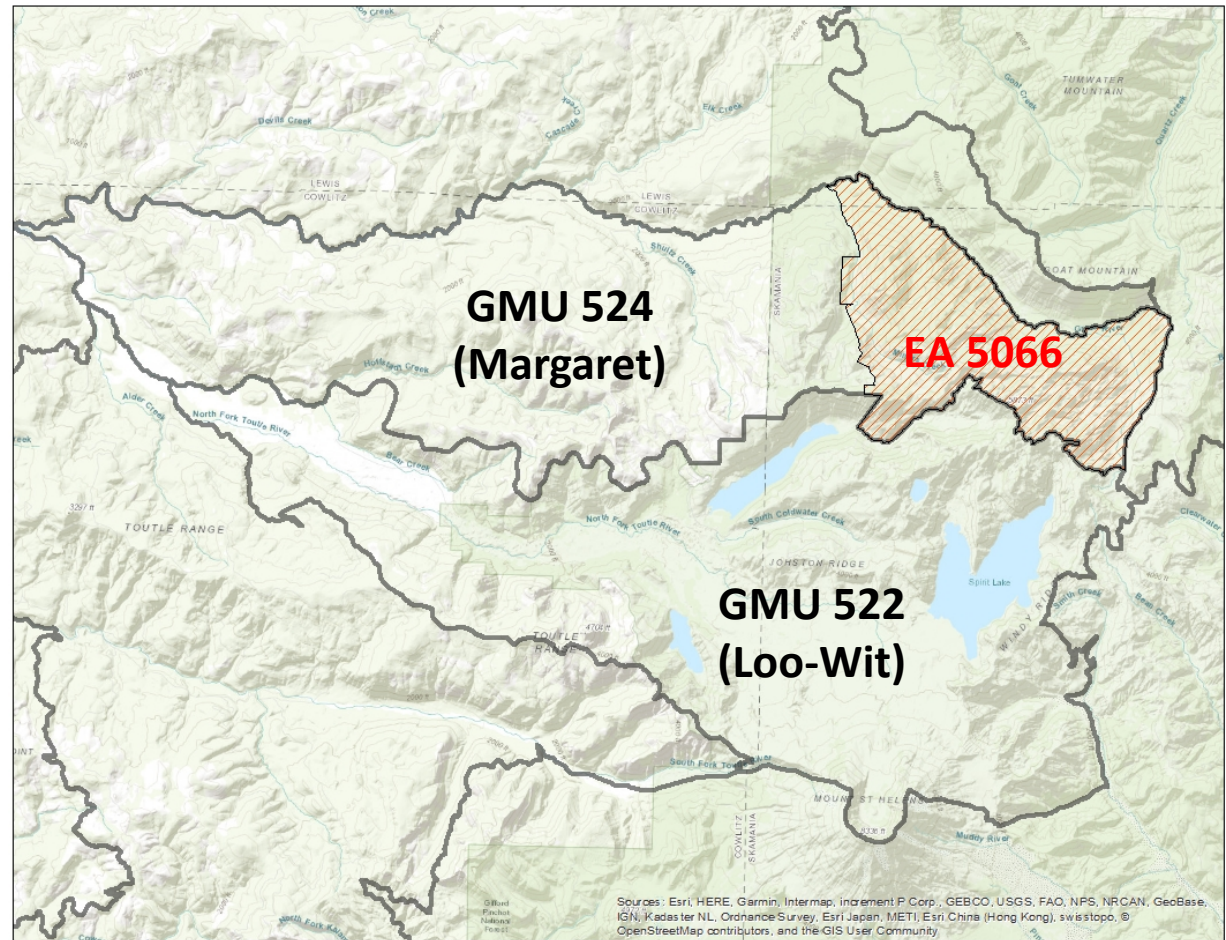
- Modify the boundary of EA 2032
- The current boundary follows Moses Carr Road beyond a point where the road has been closed and no longer exists, and therefore is no longer a relevant reference point



ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS

WAC 220-415-040

- Add Elk Area 5066 to GMU 522
- Objective is to reduce hunter confusion and lessen enforcement issues



ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS

WAC 220-415-040

- Establish a new Elk Area in GMU 603 near the town of Joyce



PUBLIC COMMENT

ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS

- 186 comments, 1 email
- General (8 agree, 18 disagree)
- EA 1040 (7 agree, 13 disagree)
- EA 2032 (1 agree, 0 disagree)
- EA 5066 (1 agree, 85 disagree)
- EA 6030 (5 agree, 1 disagree)
- 17 comments related to tribal hunting

