

Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons and Permit Quotas

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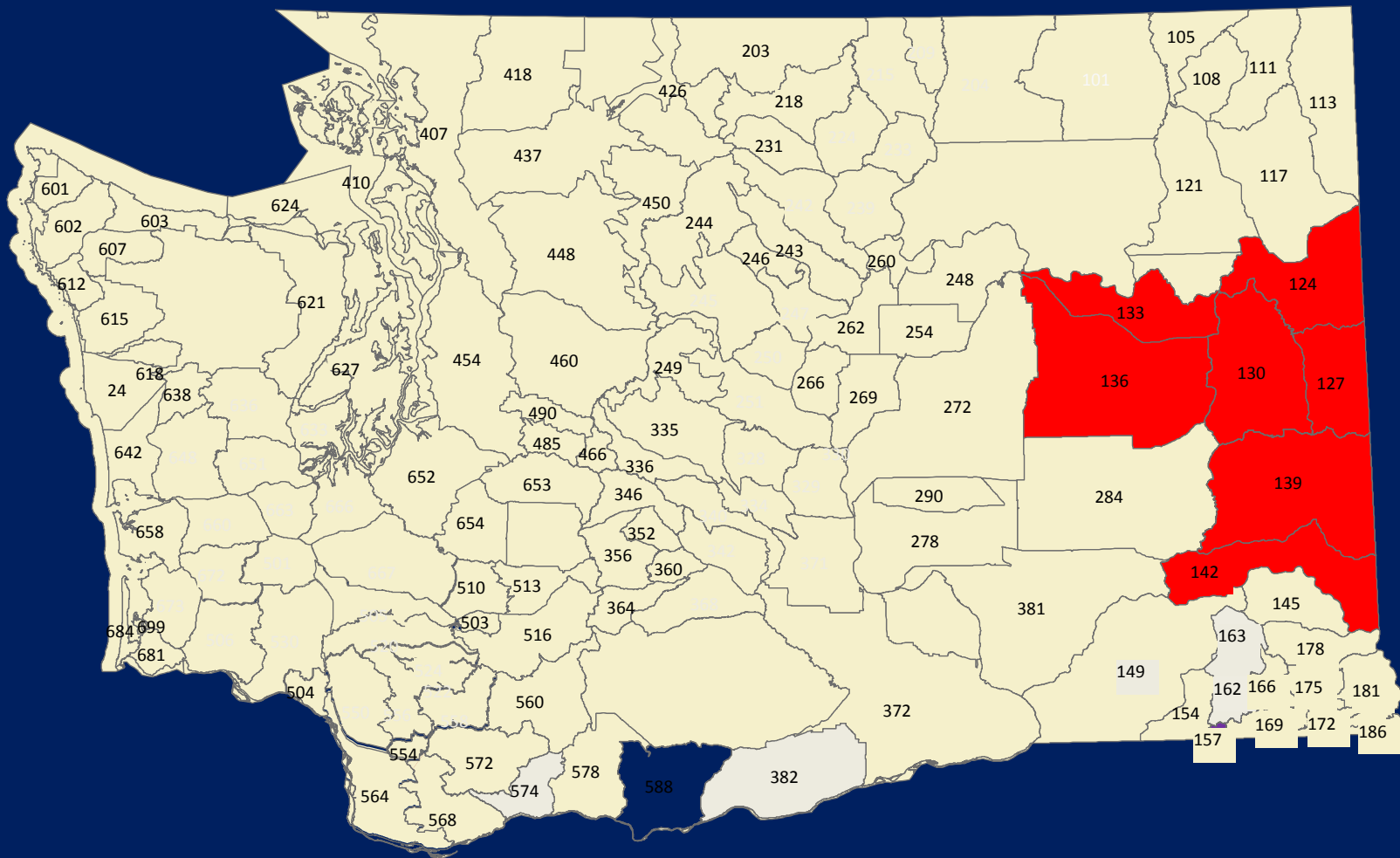
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232-28-273 - Moose



- Currently, 10 master hunter permits provided
- In recent years, few used
- Recommended changes to allow flexibility:
 - Permits to allow taking bulls as well as cows
 - Season begins 1 August (rather than 1 December)
 - Expand geographic scope

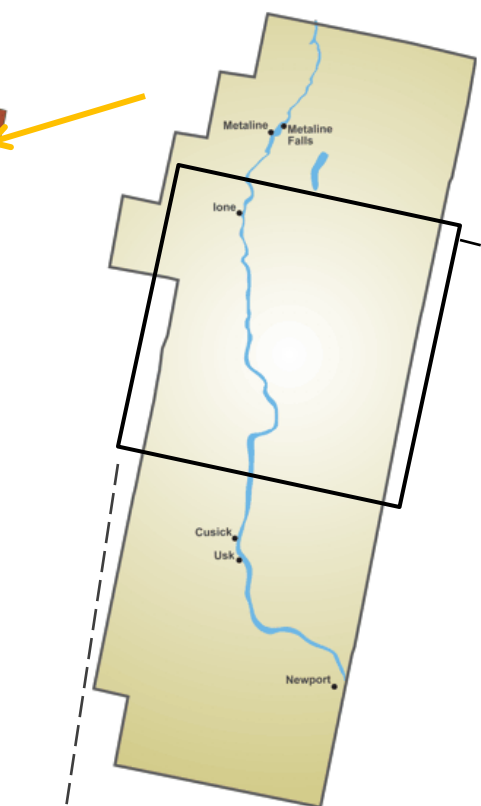




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- New hunting opportunity in Parker Lake area (GMU 117):
 - Early season (Sep 1-26), Archery only, 2 permits
 - Not-quite-so-early season (Sep 27-Oct 5), Muzzleloader only, 2 permits
 - Any moose (mostly bulls)





Location of
Parker Lake
Area within
Pend Oreille County
(GMU 117)

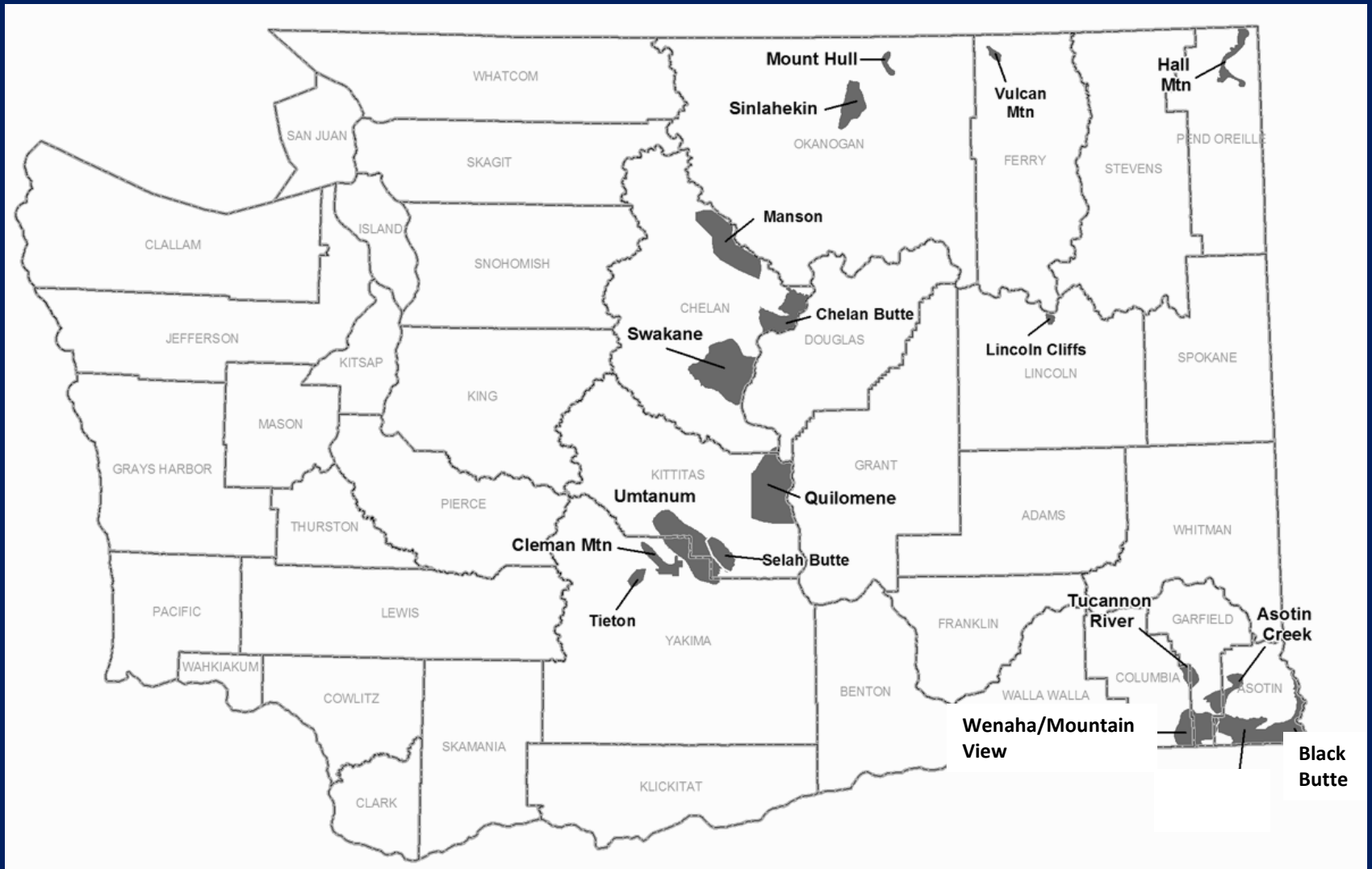


232-28-622 Bighorn sheep

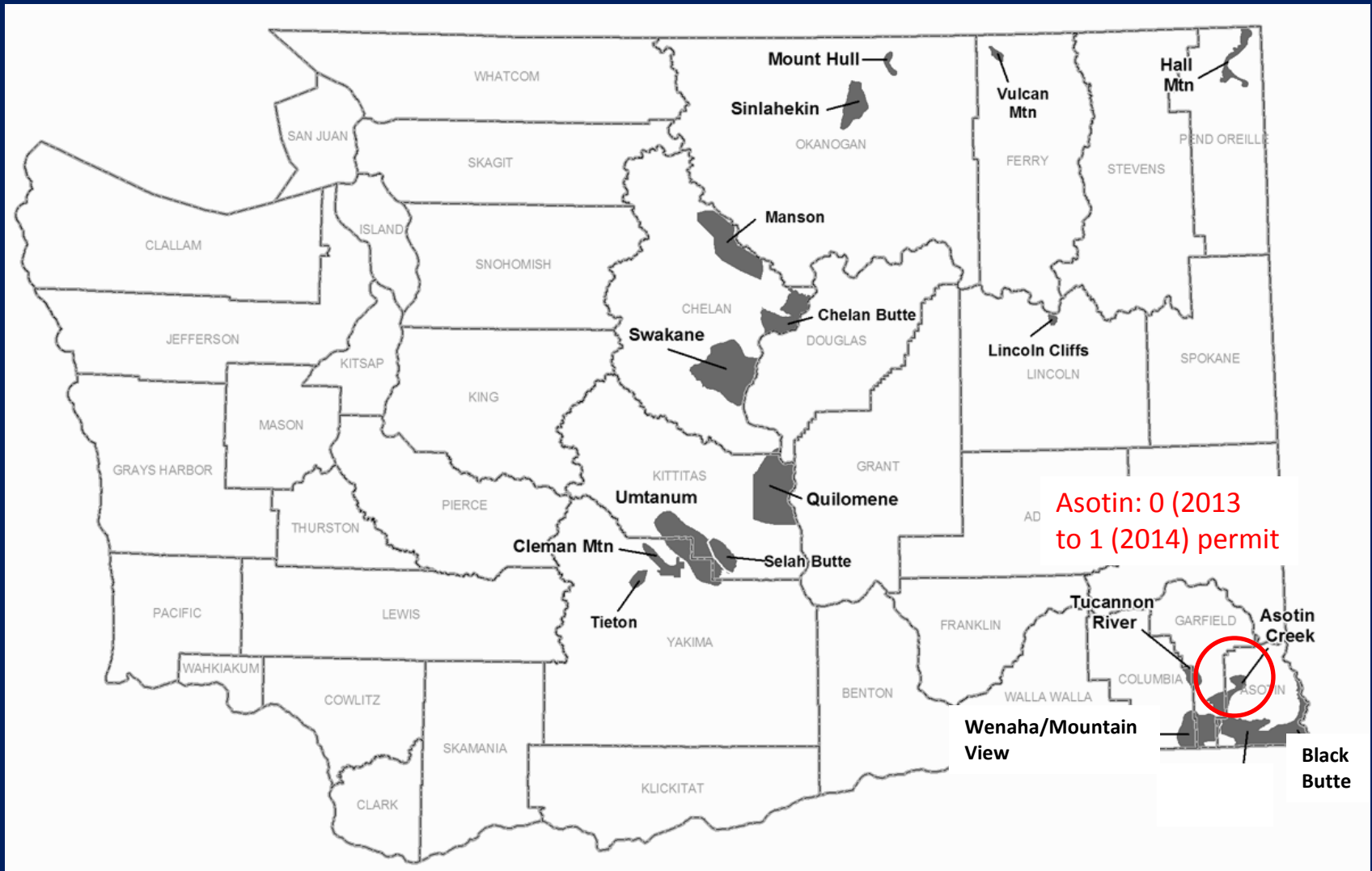
- Minor revisions in permits
- All respond to Game Management Plan and recent survey information



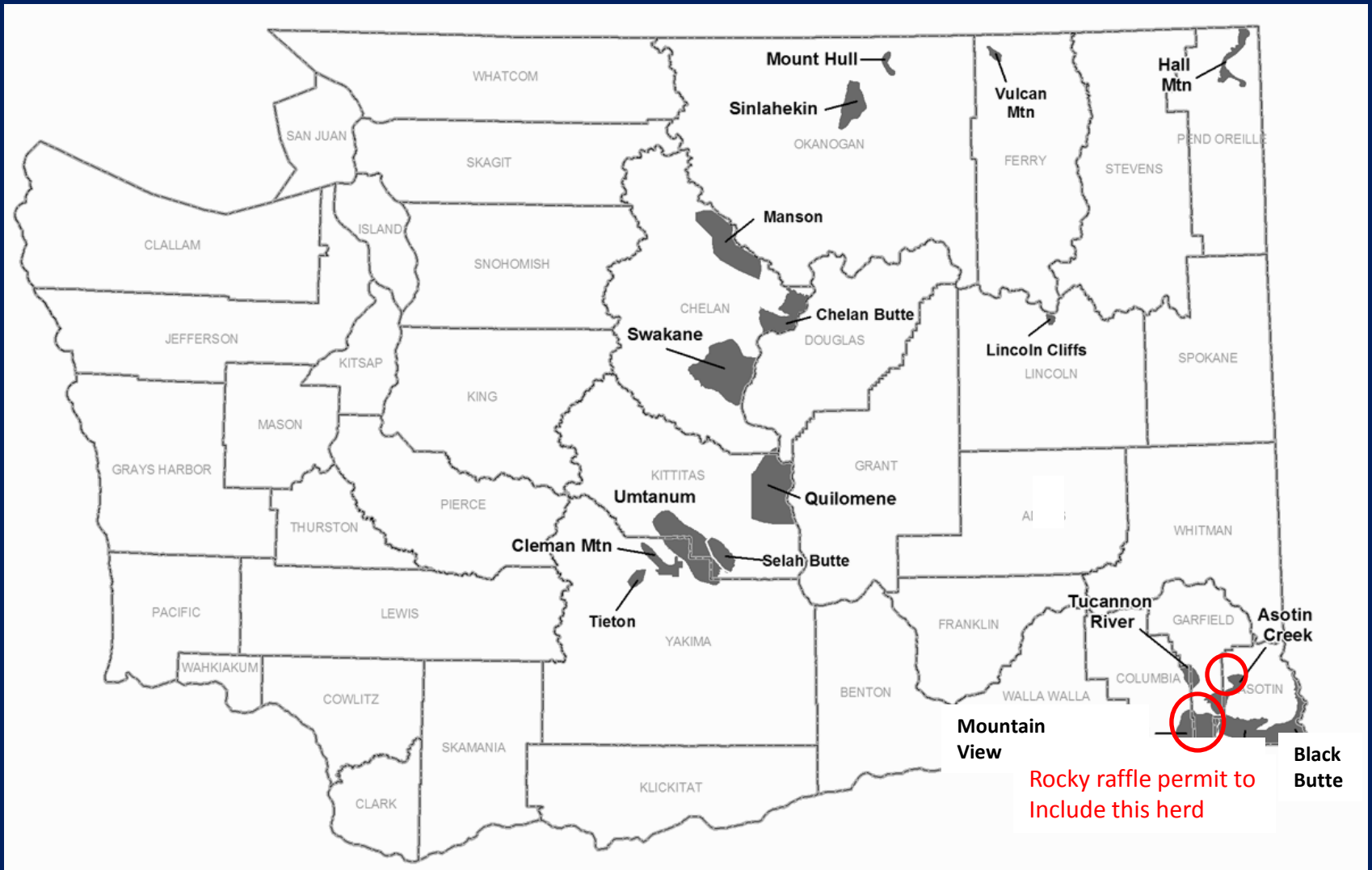
Washington bighorn herds



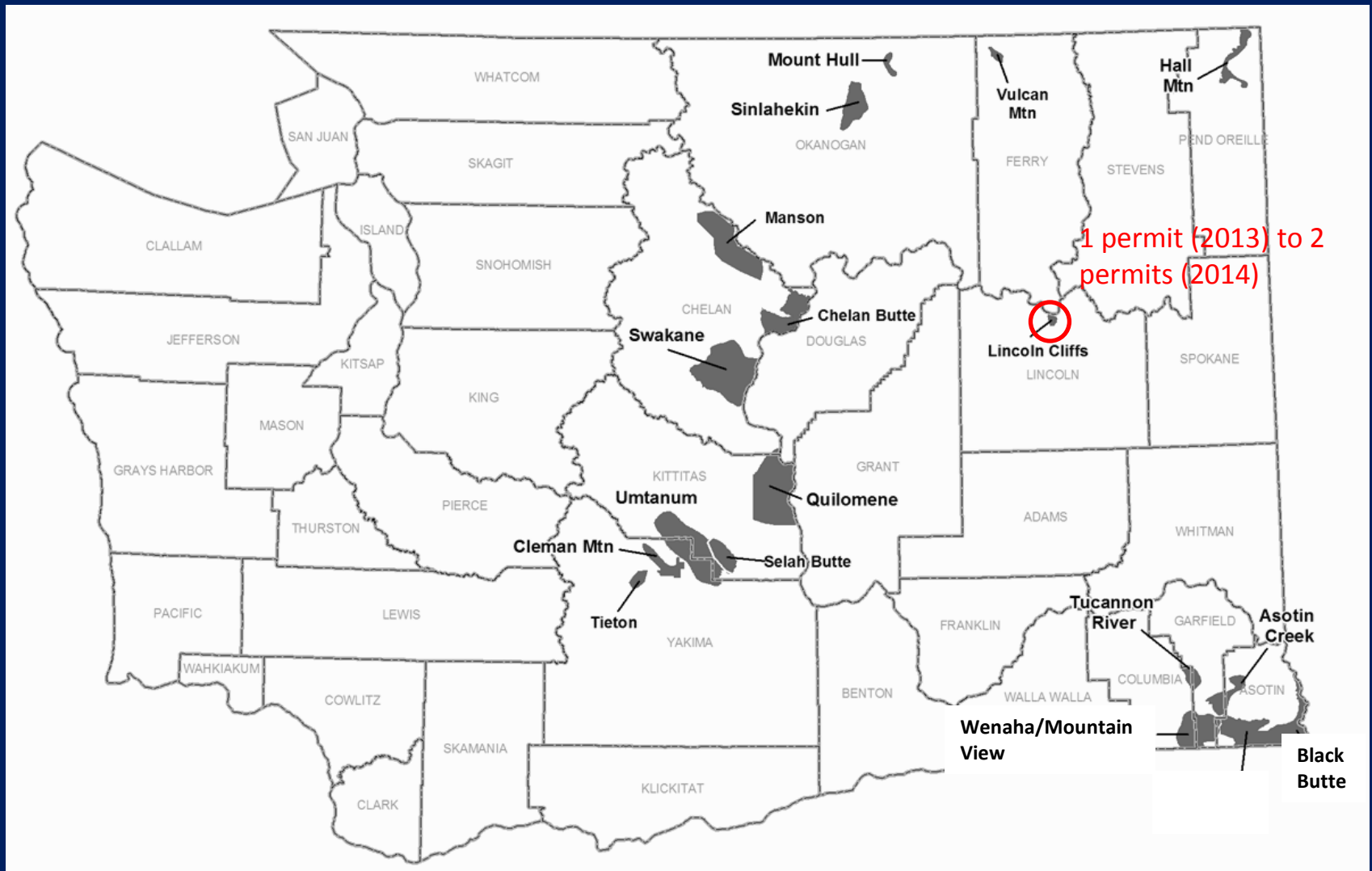
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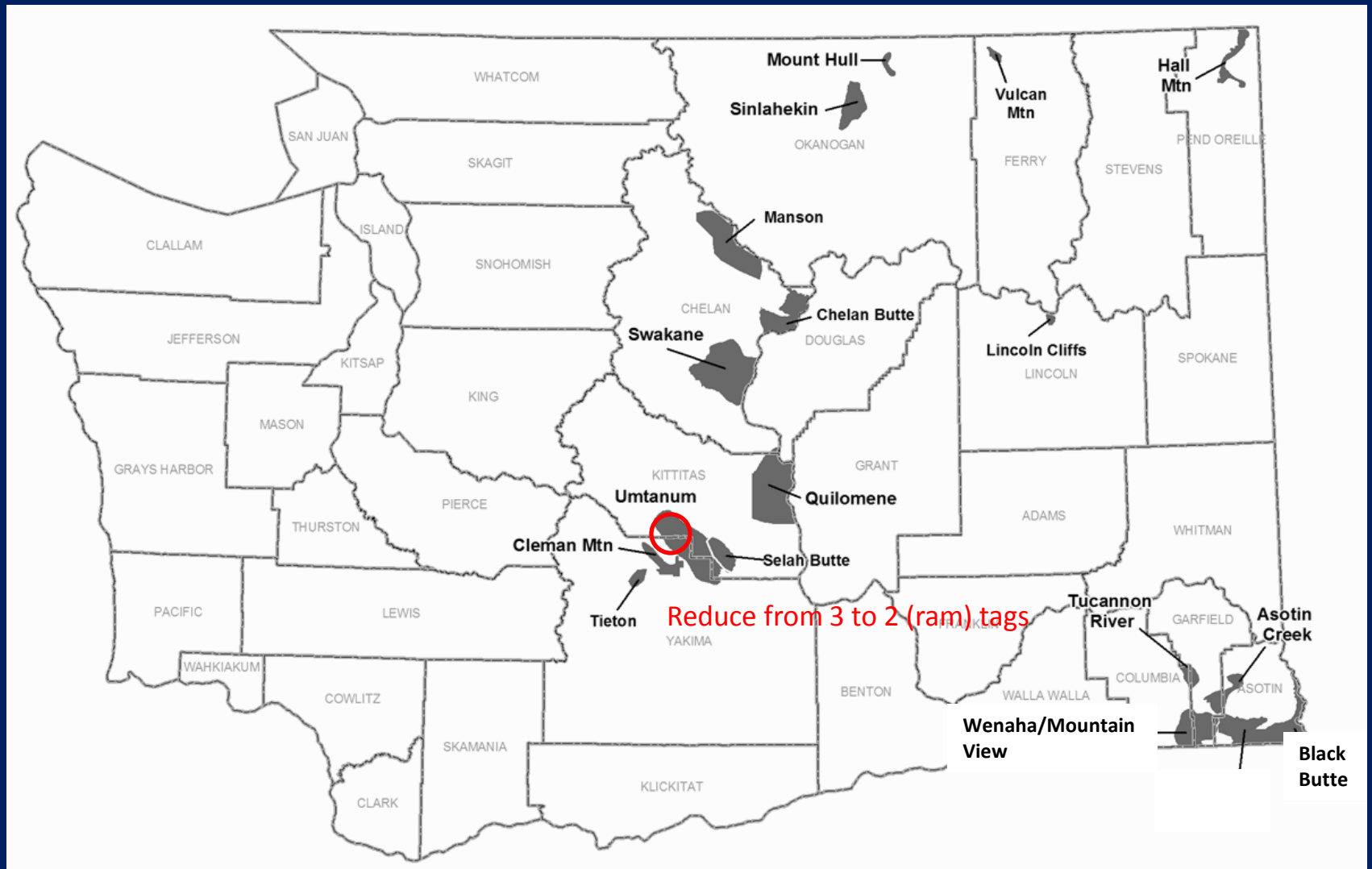
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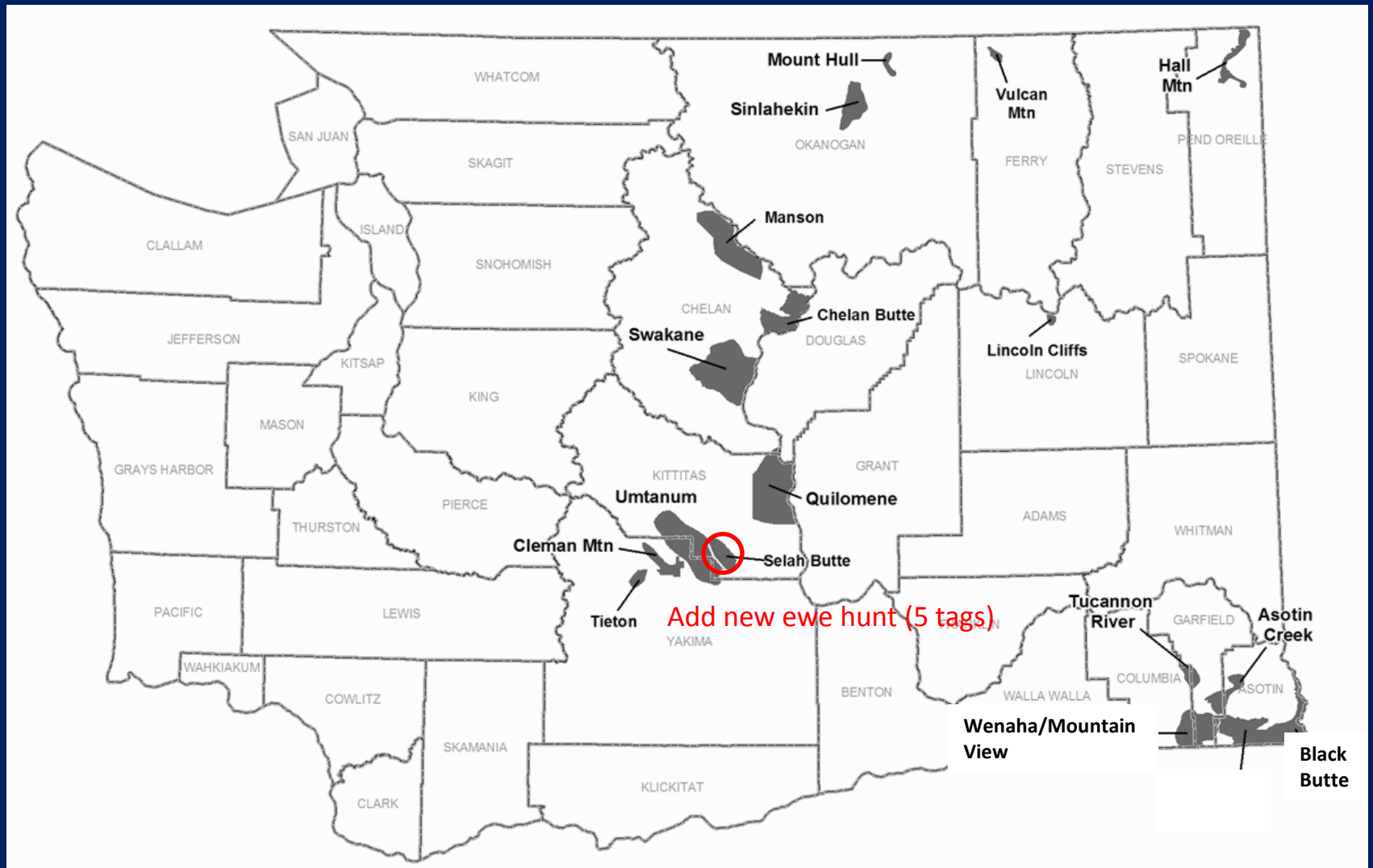
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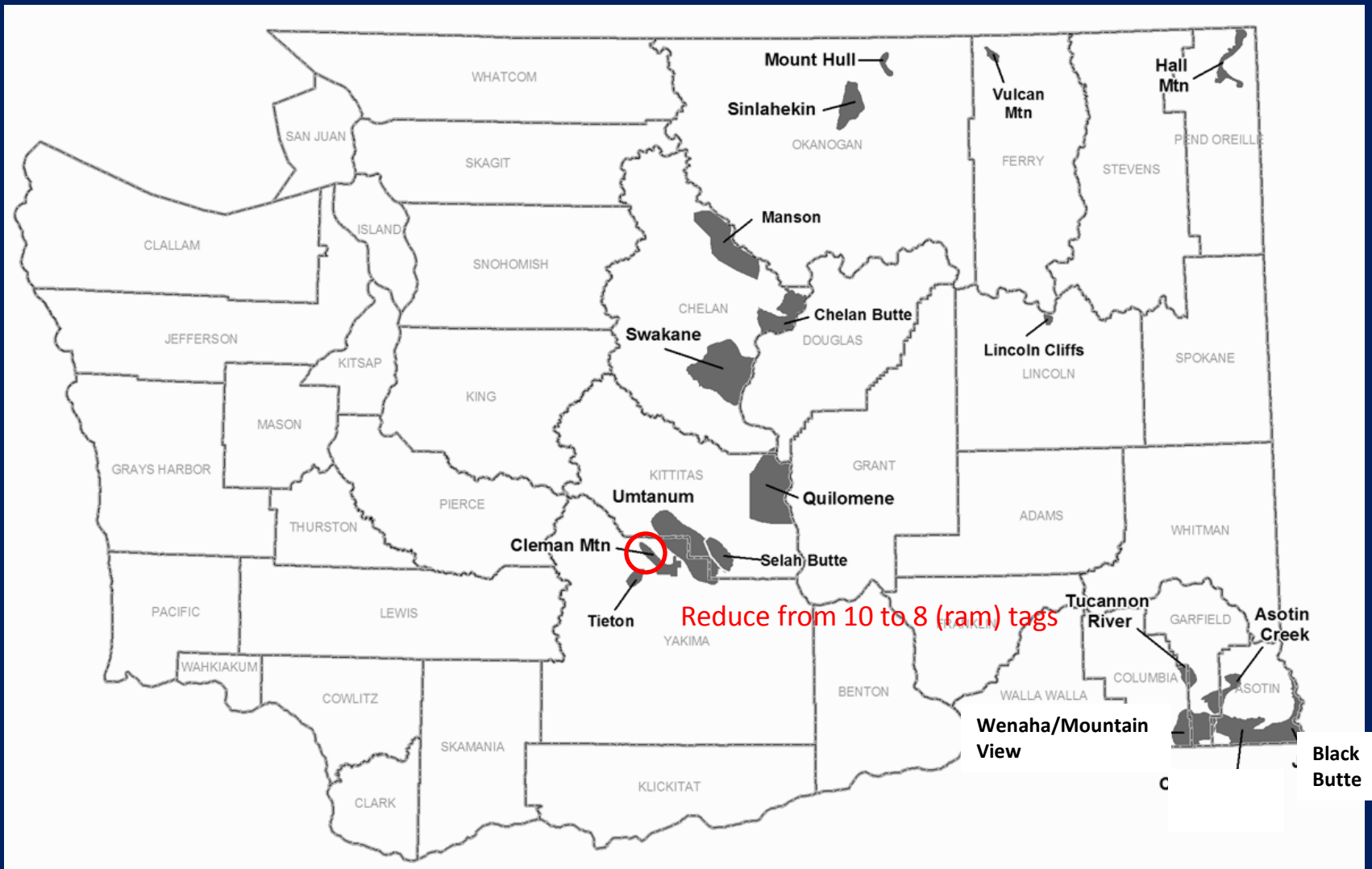
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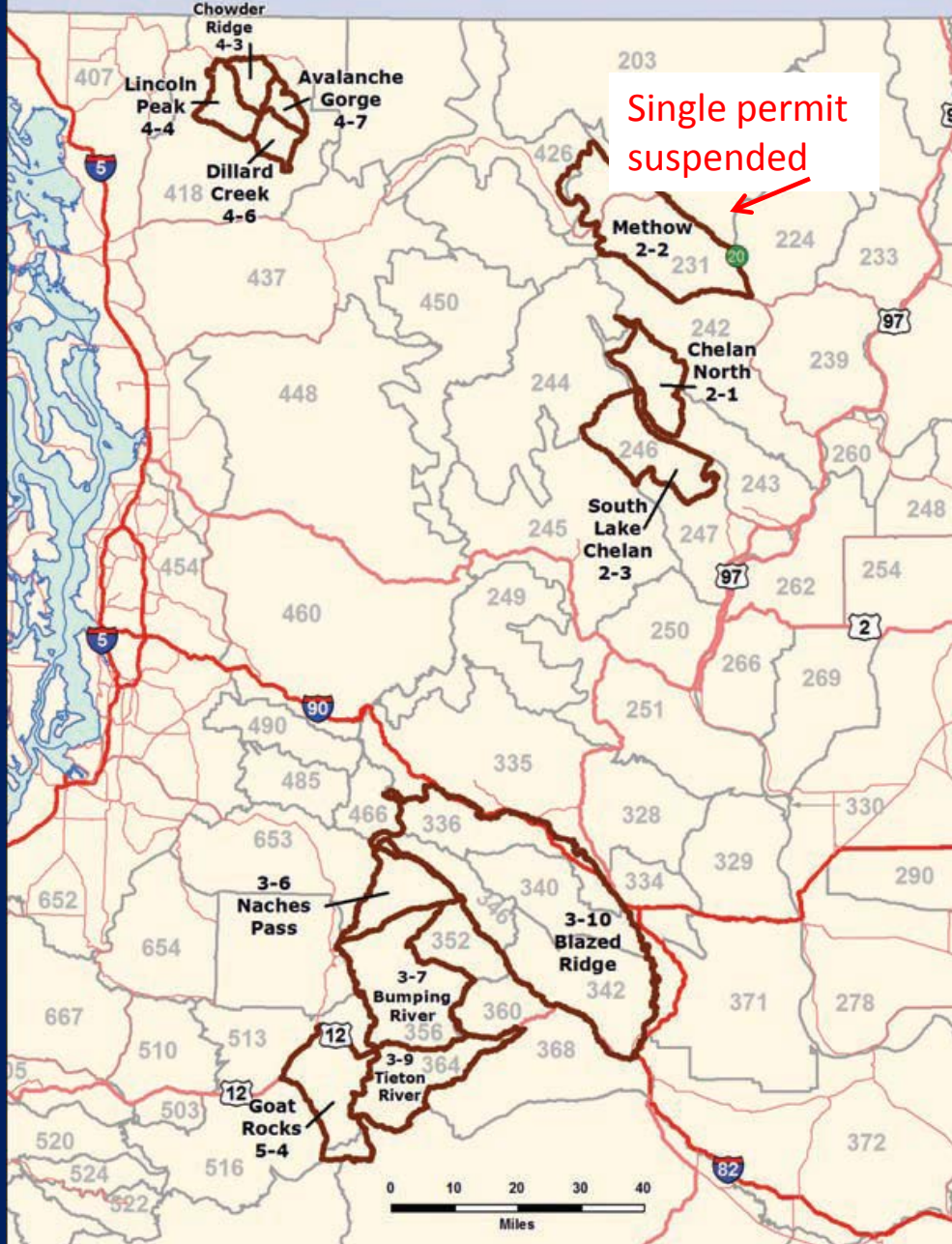


232-28-623 Mountain goats

- Small revisions to permit numbers in existing mountain goat hunts
- Responding to recent survey estimates and Game Management Plan

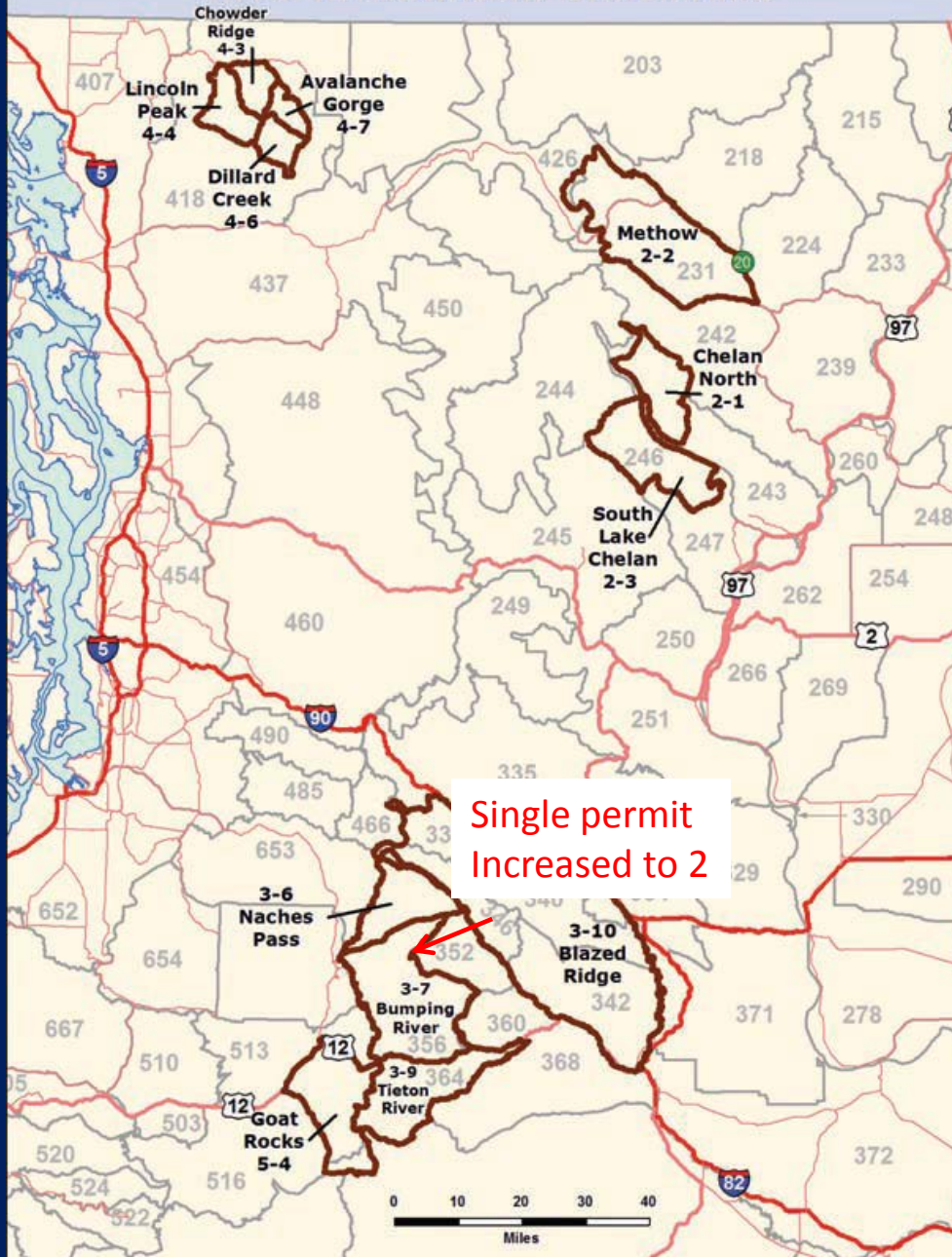


2013-14 Mountain Goat Areas



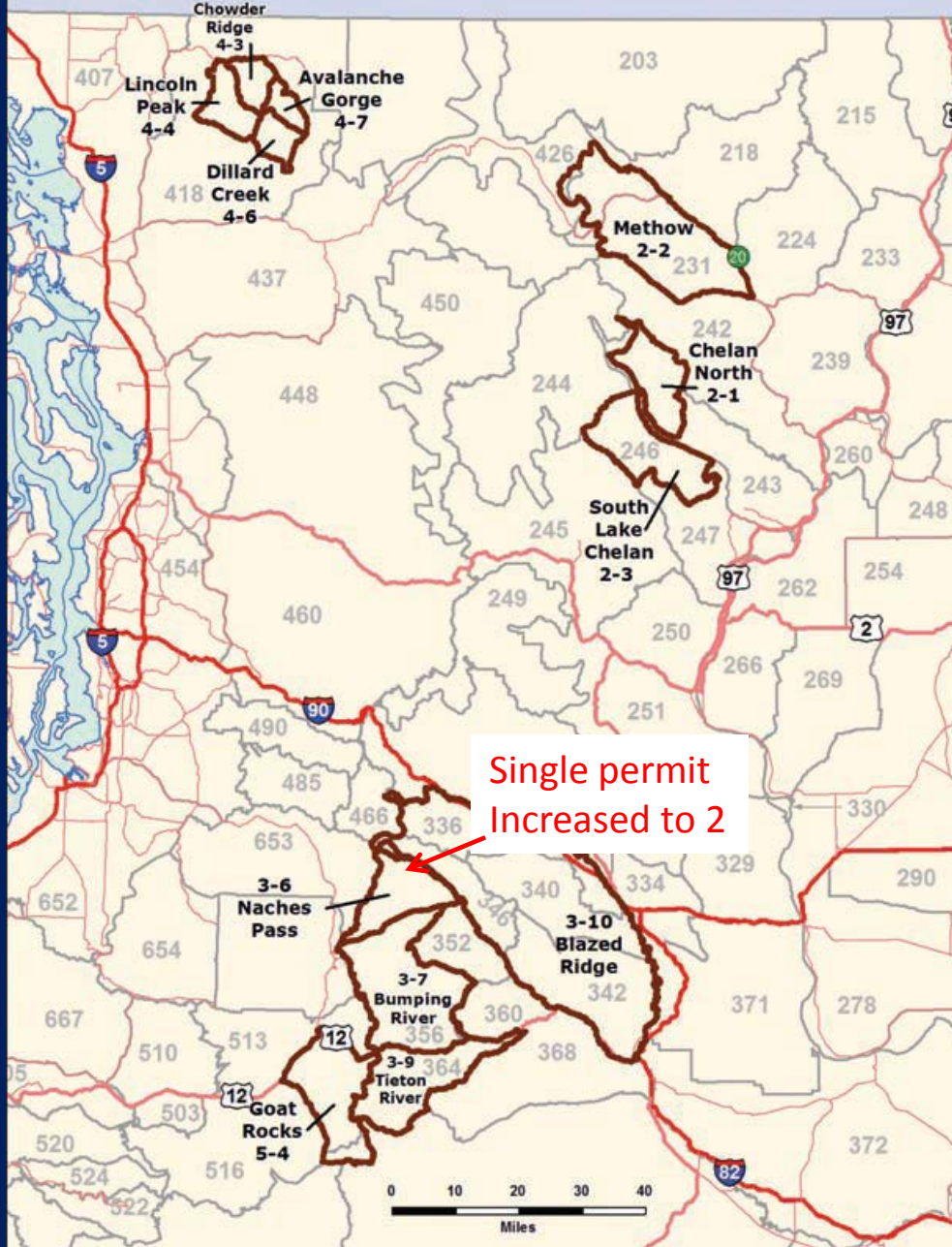
Methow area:
Mountain goats
have either declined
or moved -

2013-14 Mountain Goat Areas



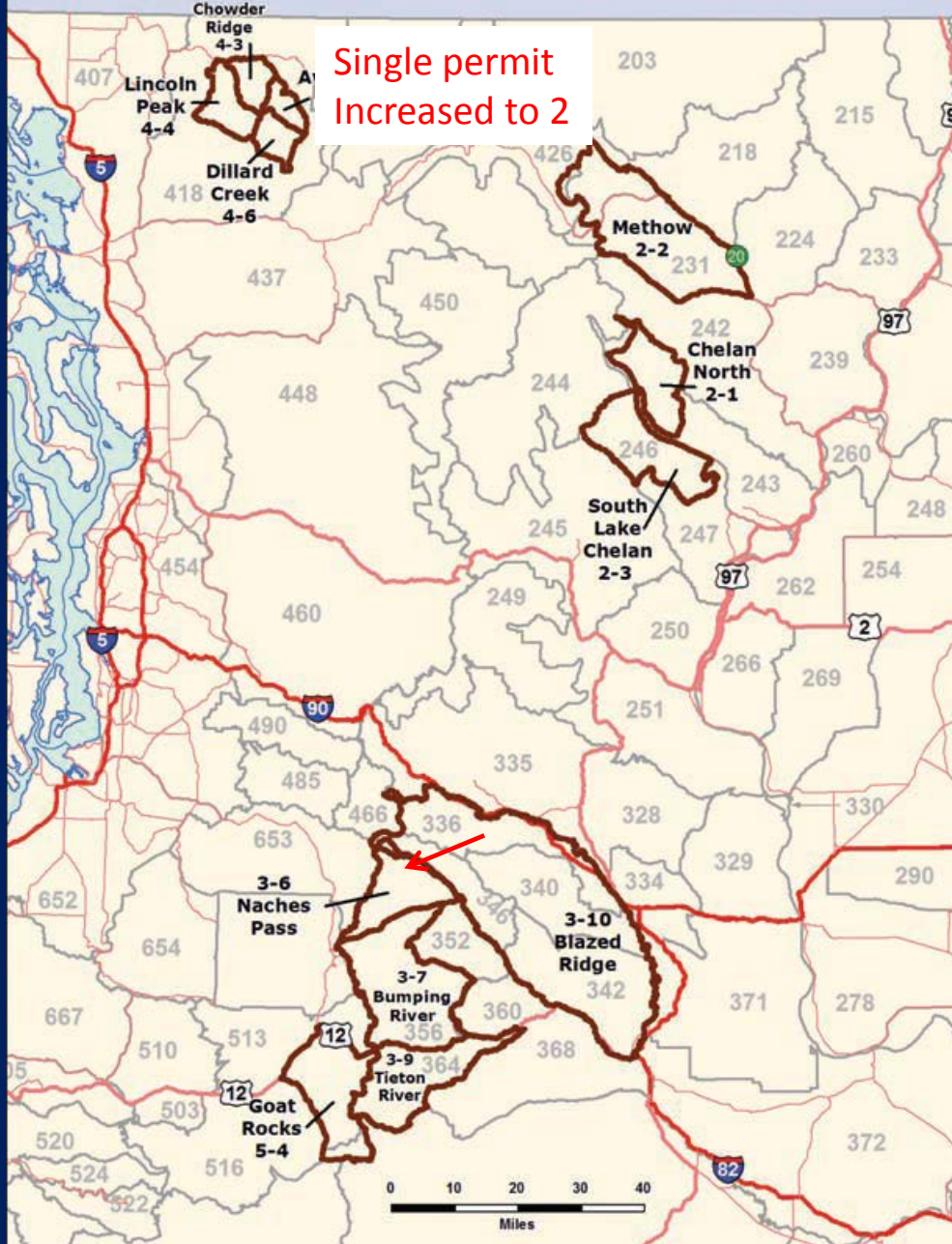
Bumping River:
Mountain goats
have evidently
increased

2013-14 Mountain Goat Areas



Naches Pass:
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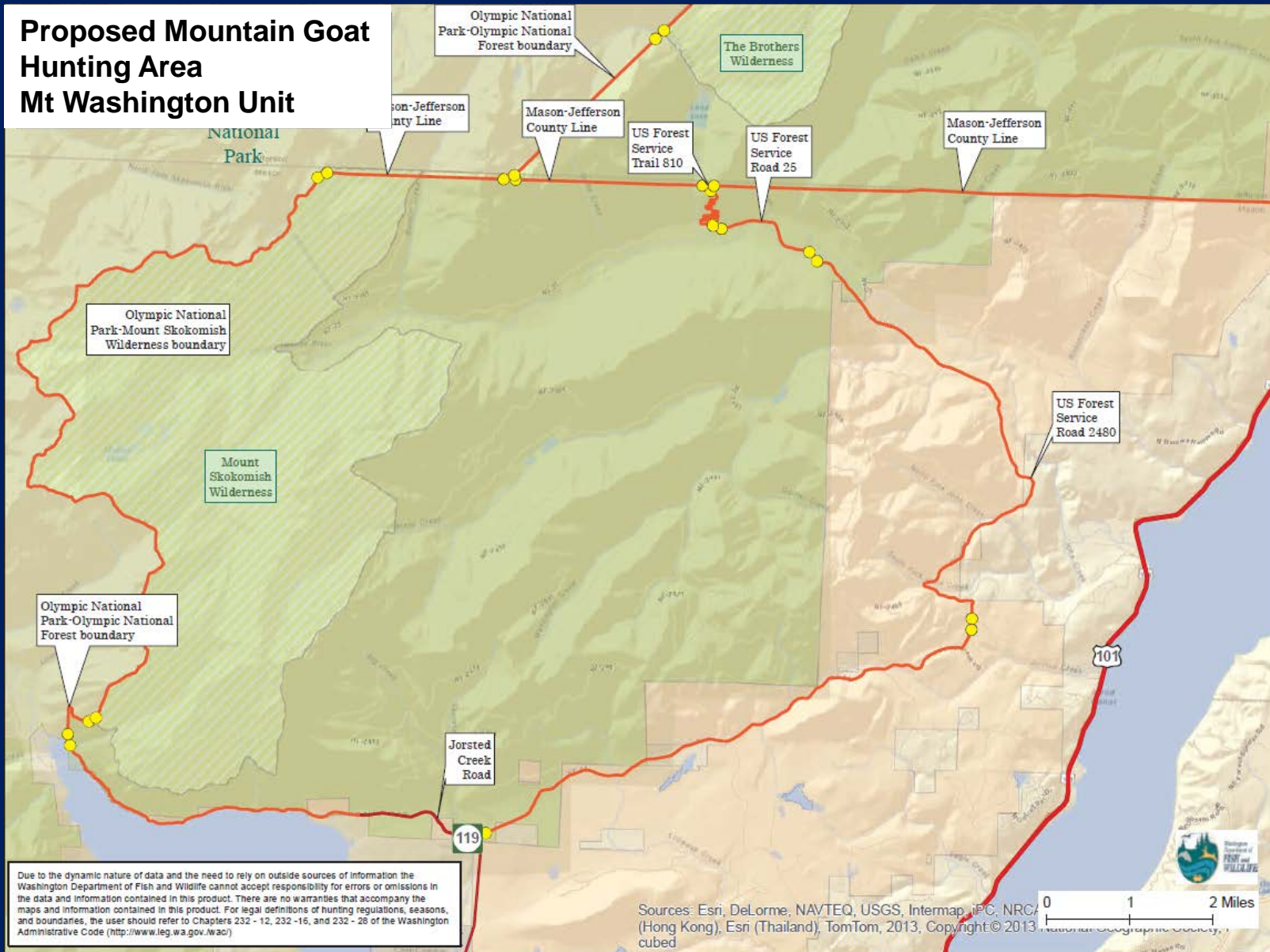
Chowder Ridge:
Unused permits
from 2013

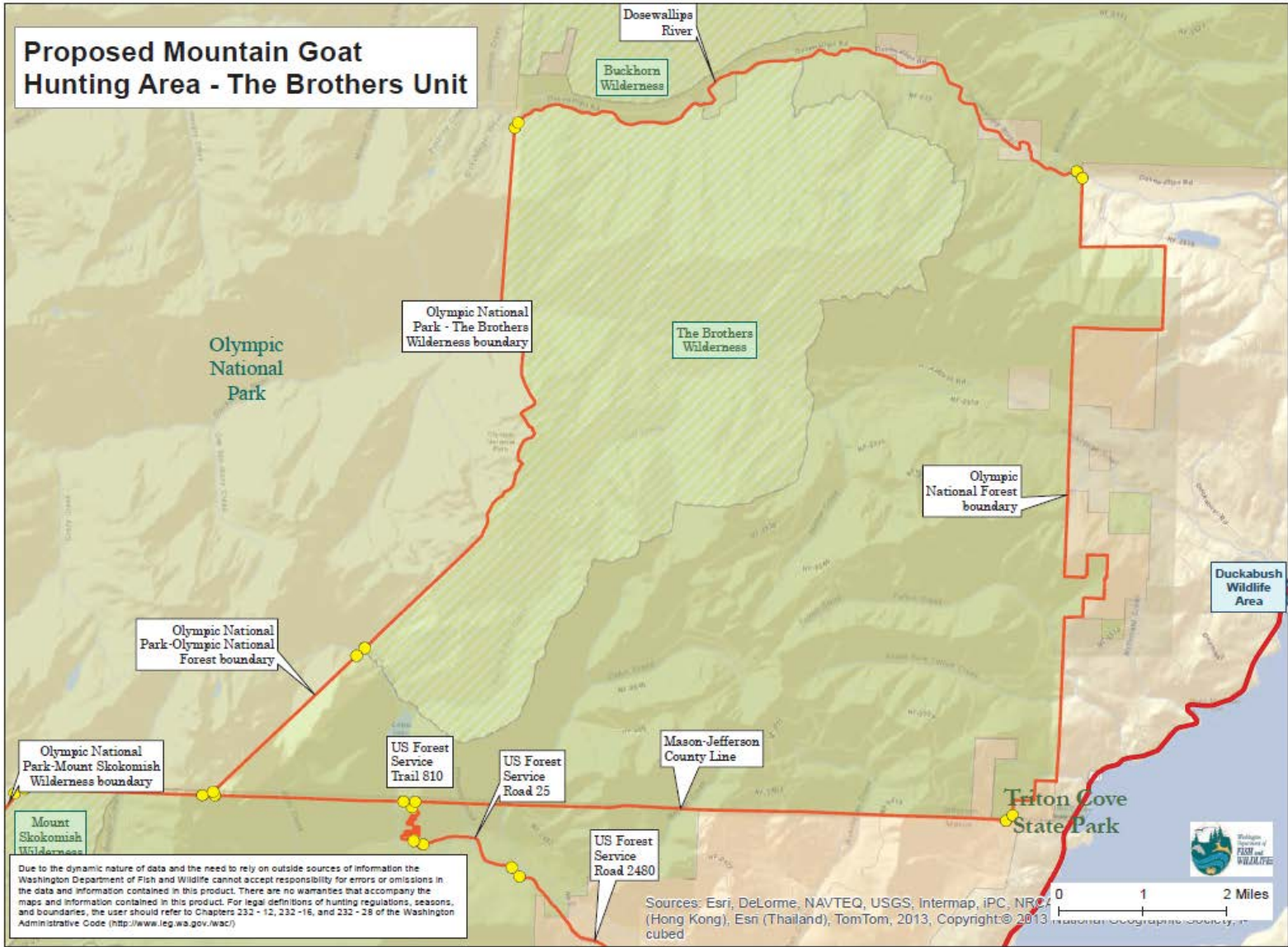
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- New hunts on Olympic Peninsula
- “Conflict reduction”
- Different from the conservative, sustainable goat hunts elsewhere
- Developed in cooperation with Olympic NF
- “Mt. Washington A”: Sep 15-25 (2 permits)
- “Mt Washington B”: Sep 26-Oct 6 (2 permits)
- “Brothers”: Sep 15-25 (2 permits)



Proposed Mountain Goat Hunting Area Mt Washington Unit







Questions?

