

Moose, Mountain Goat, and
Bighorn Seasons and Permit
Quotas – and Related Revisions
To Auction/Raffle and Bighorn
Marking WACs

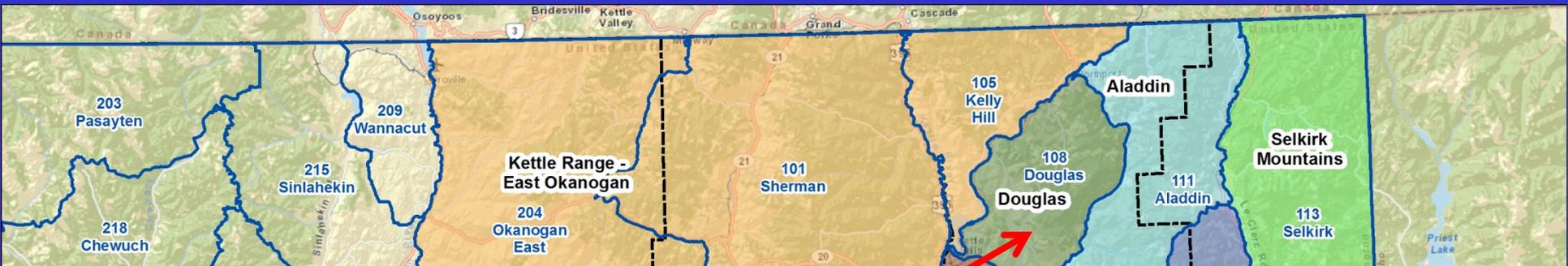
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232-28-273 – Moose Recommendations:

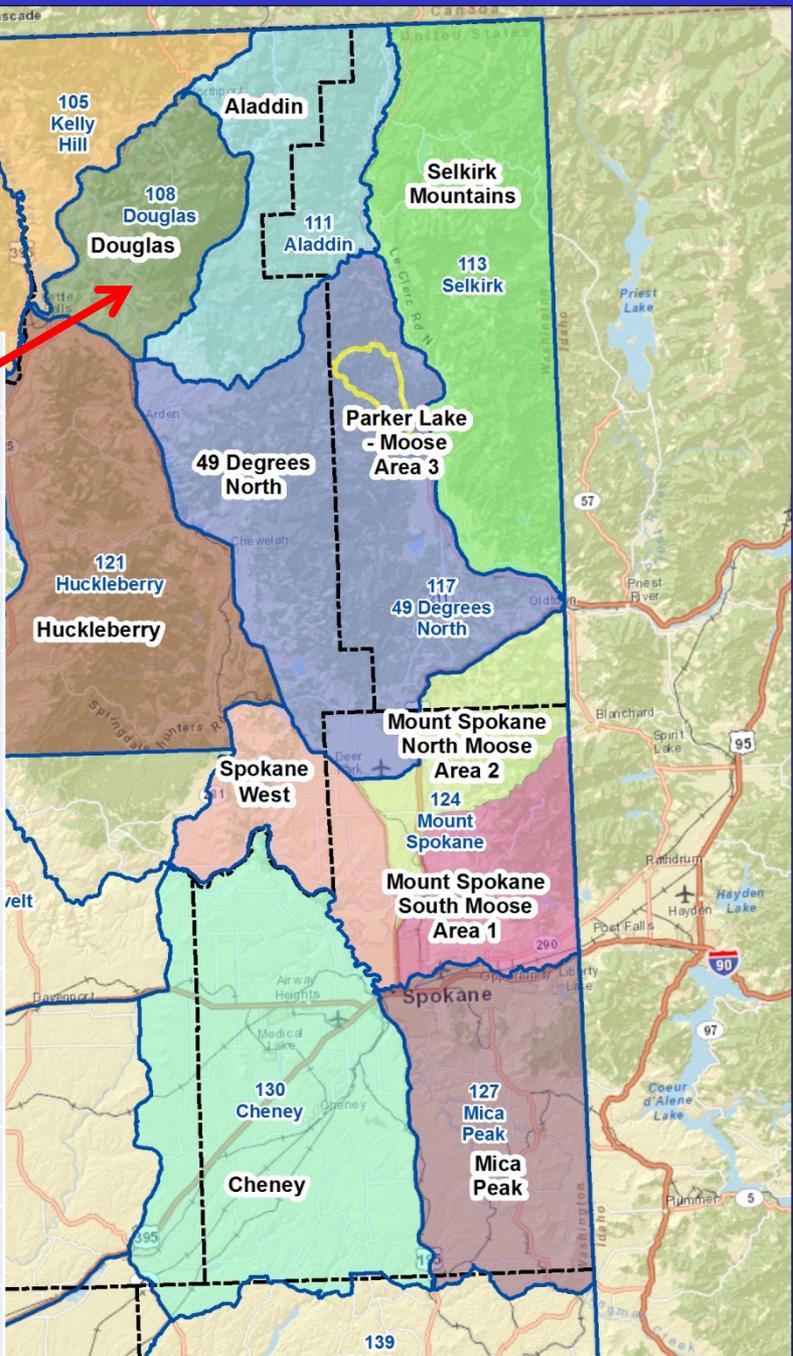


* A substantial (~ 25%)
increase in permit
levels

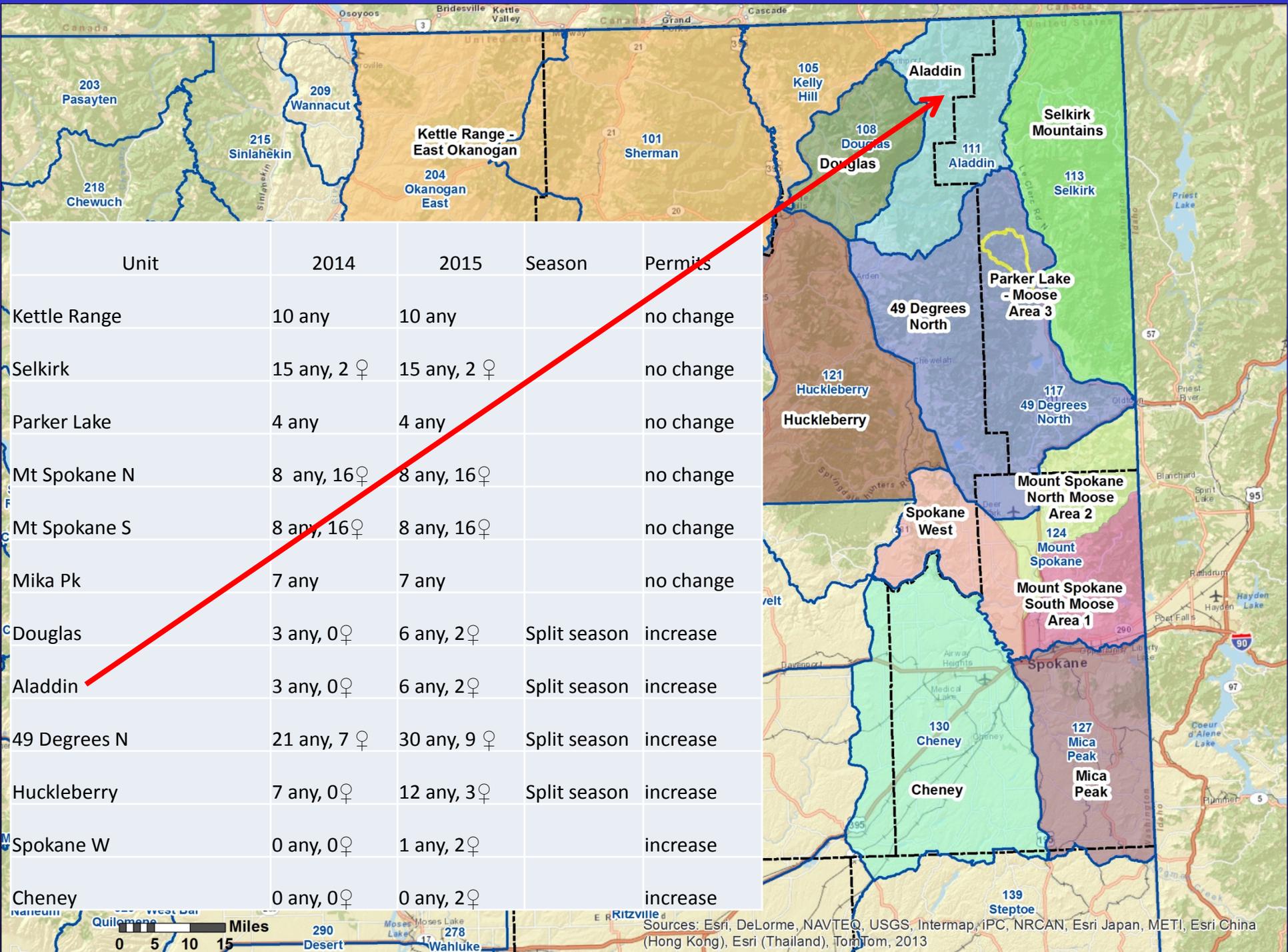
* Increase in total permits from 136 (86 any
moose, 50 antlerless) to 170 (107 any, 63
antlerless)

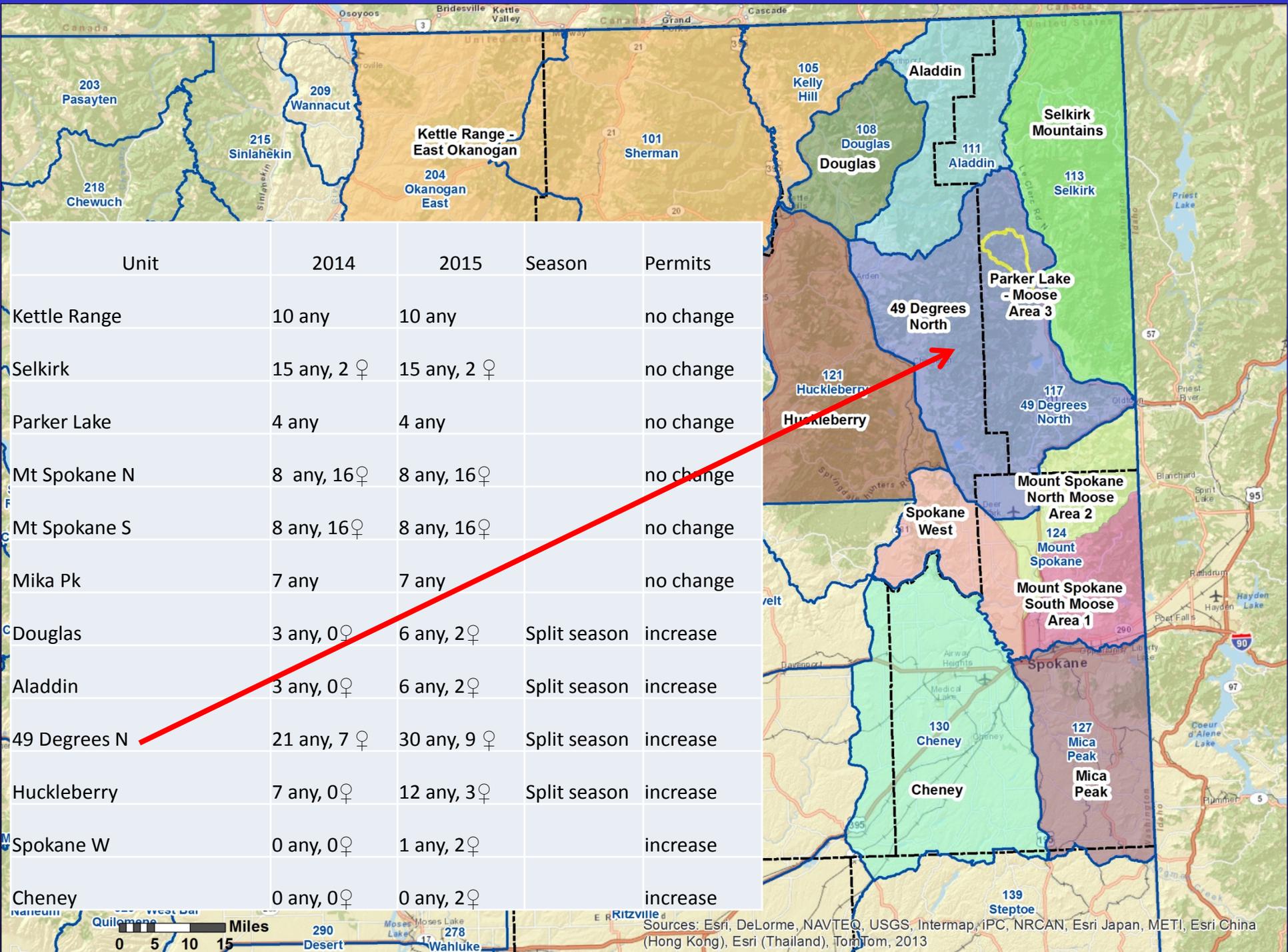


Unit	2014	2015	Season	Permits
Kettle Range	10 any	10 any		no change
Selkirk	15 any, 2 ♀	15 any, 2 ♀		no change
Parker Lake	4 any	4 any		no change
Mt Spokane N	8 any, 16 ♀	8 any, 16 ♀		no change
Mt Spokane S	8 any, 16 ♀	8 any, 16 ♀		no change
Mika Pk	7 any	7 any		no change
Douglas	3 any, 0 ♀	6 any, 2 ♀	Split season	increase
Aladdin	3 any, 0 ♀	6 any, 2 ♀	Split season	increase
49 Degrees N	21 any, 7 ♀	30 any, 9 ♀	Split season	increase
Huckleberry	7 any, 0 ♀	12 any, 3 ♀	Split season	increase
Spokane W	0 any, 0 ♀	1 any, 2 ♀		increase
Cheney	0 any, 0 ♀	0 any, 2 ♀		increase

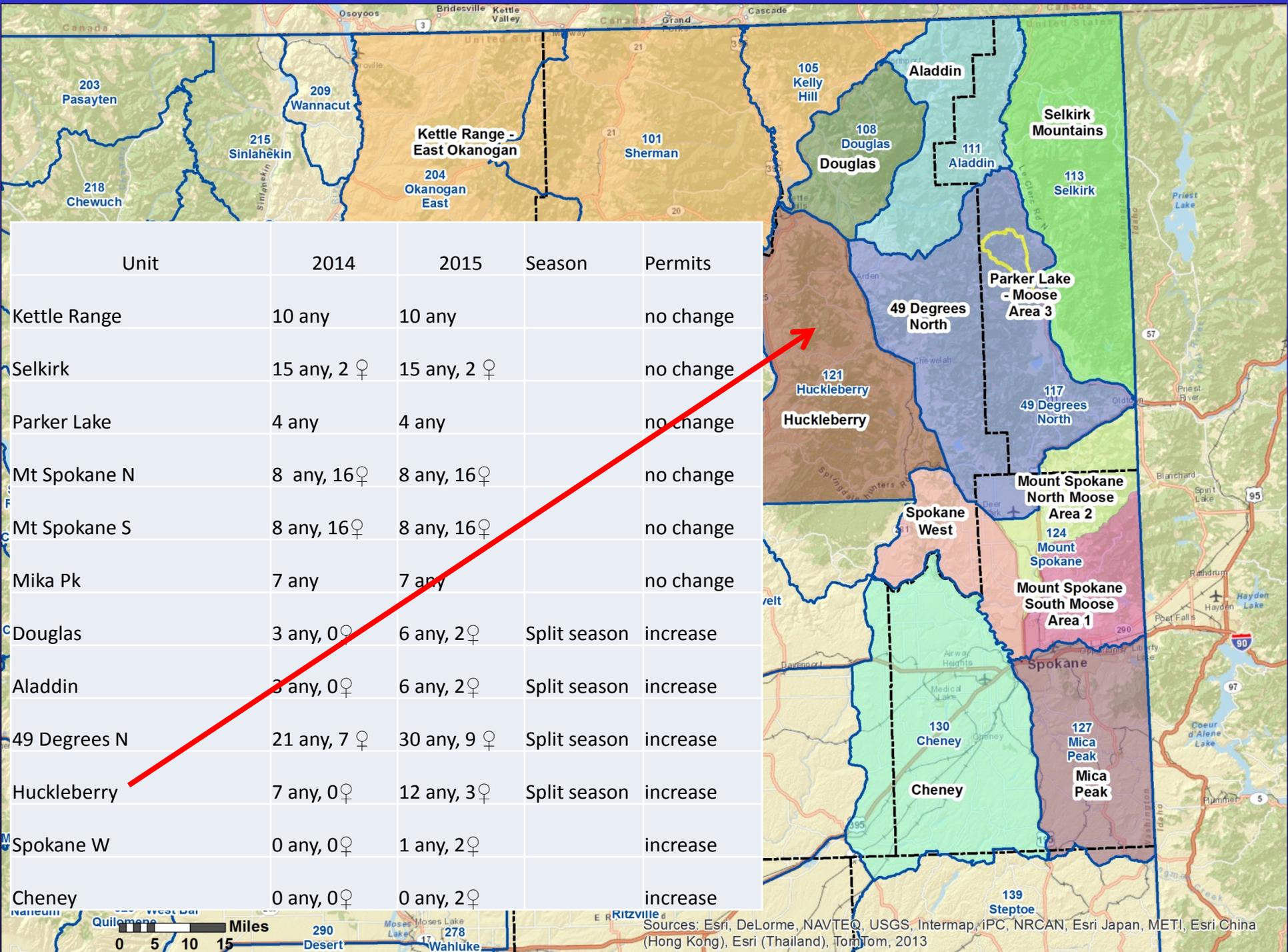


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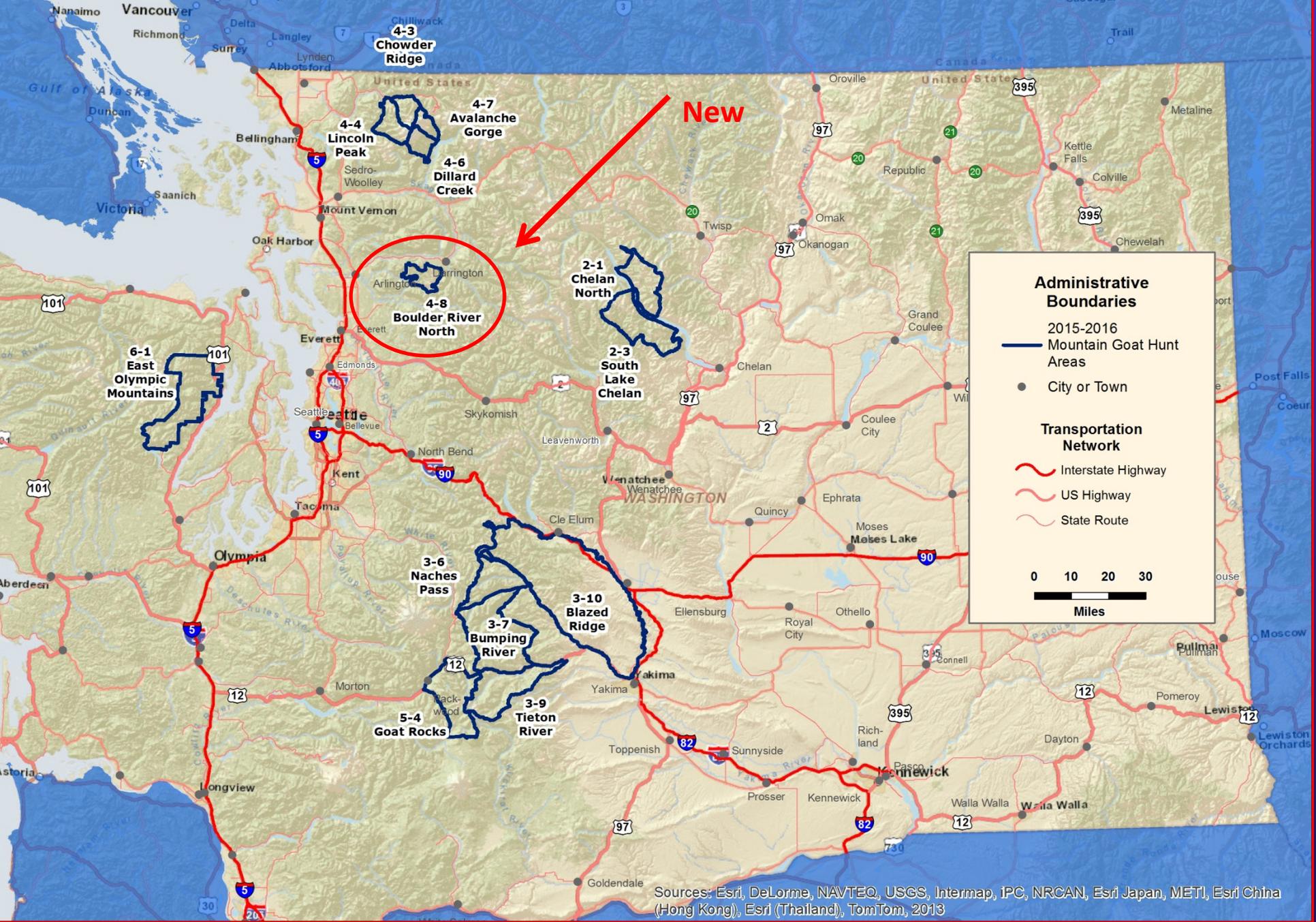
232-28-623 Mountain Goats

-- Recommendations --

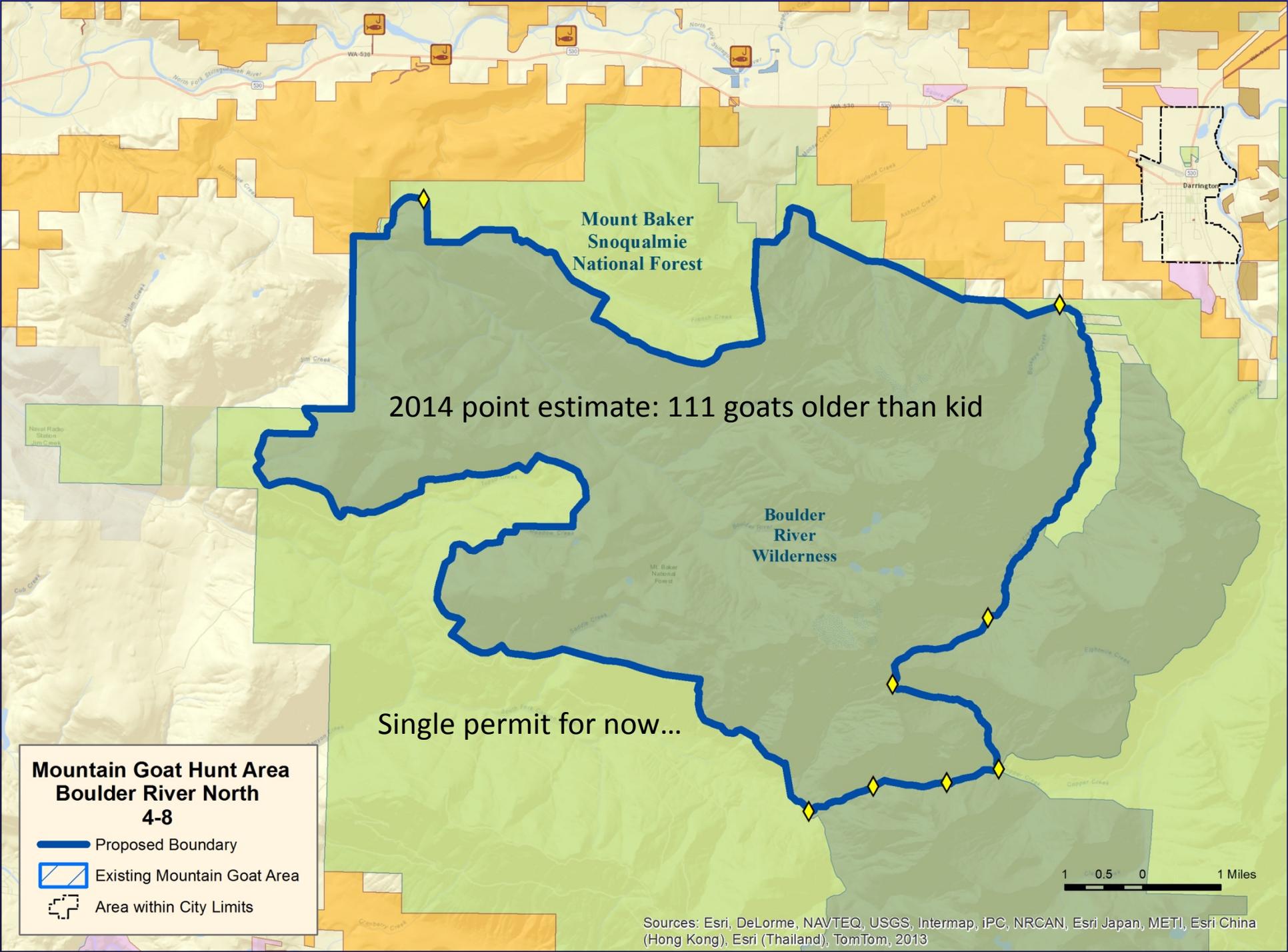
- Mandatory in-person inspection for goats
- Small revisions to permit numbers in existing mountain goat hunts responding to recent survey estimates and Game Management Plan
- Extend season through November



2015-2016 Mountain Goat Hunt Areas with Hunts



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Mount Baker
Snoqualmie
National Forest

2014 point estimate: 111 goats older than kid

Boulder
River
Wilderness

Single permit for now...

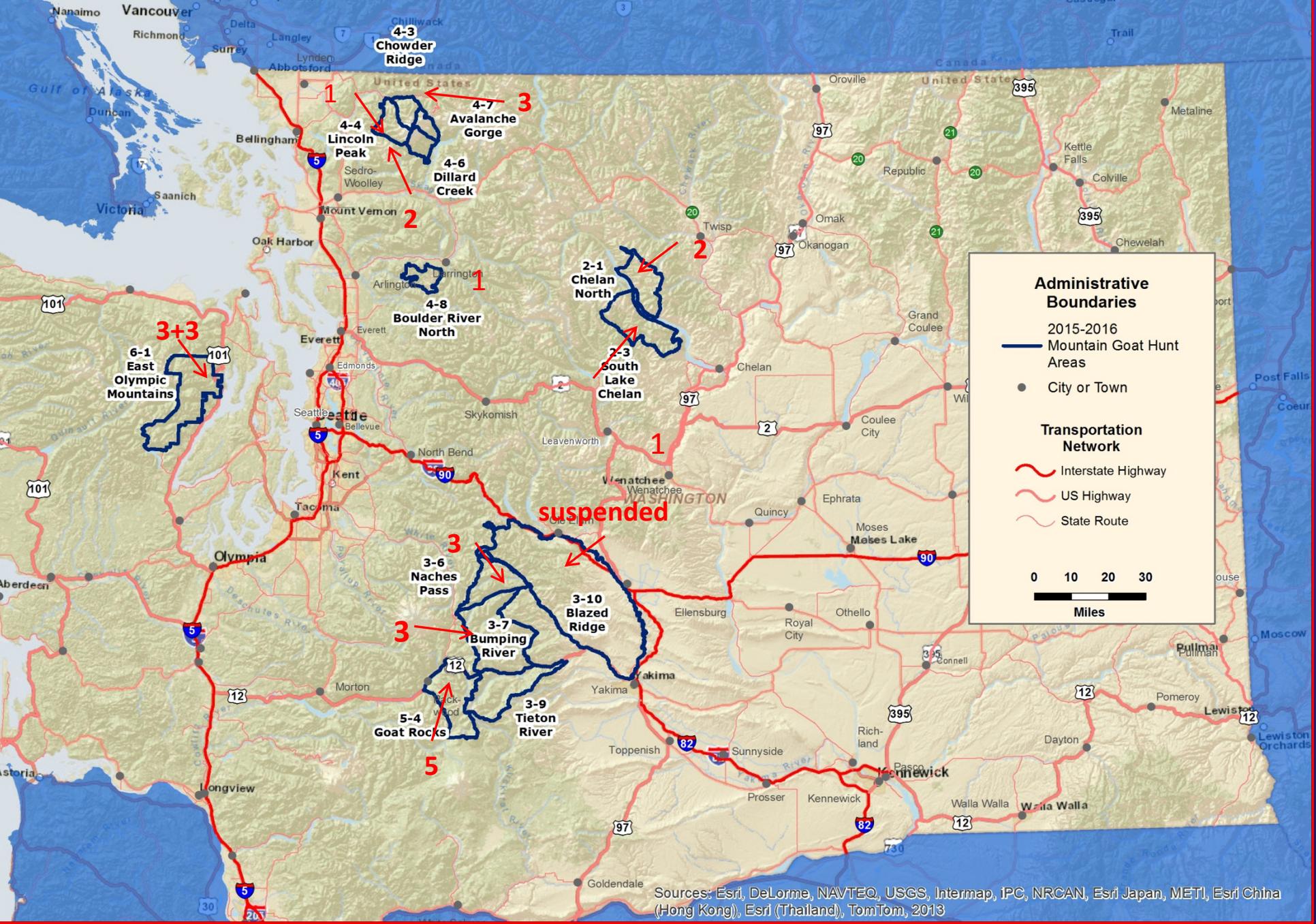
**Mountain Goat Hunt Area
Boulder River North
4-8**

-  Proposed Boundary
-  Existing Mountain Goat Area
-  Area within City Limits



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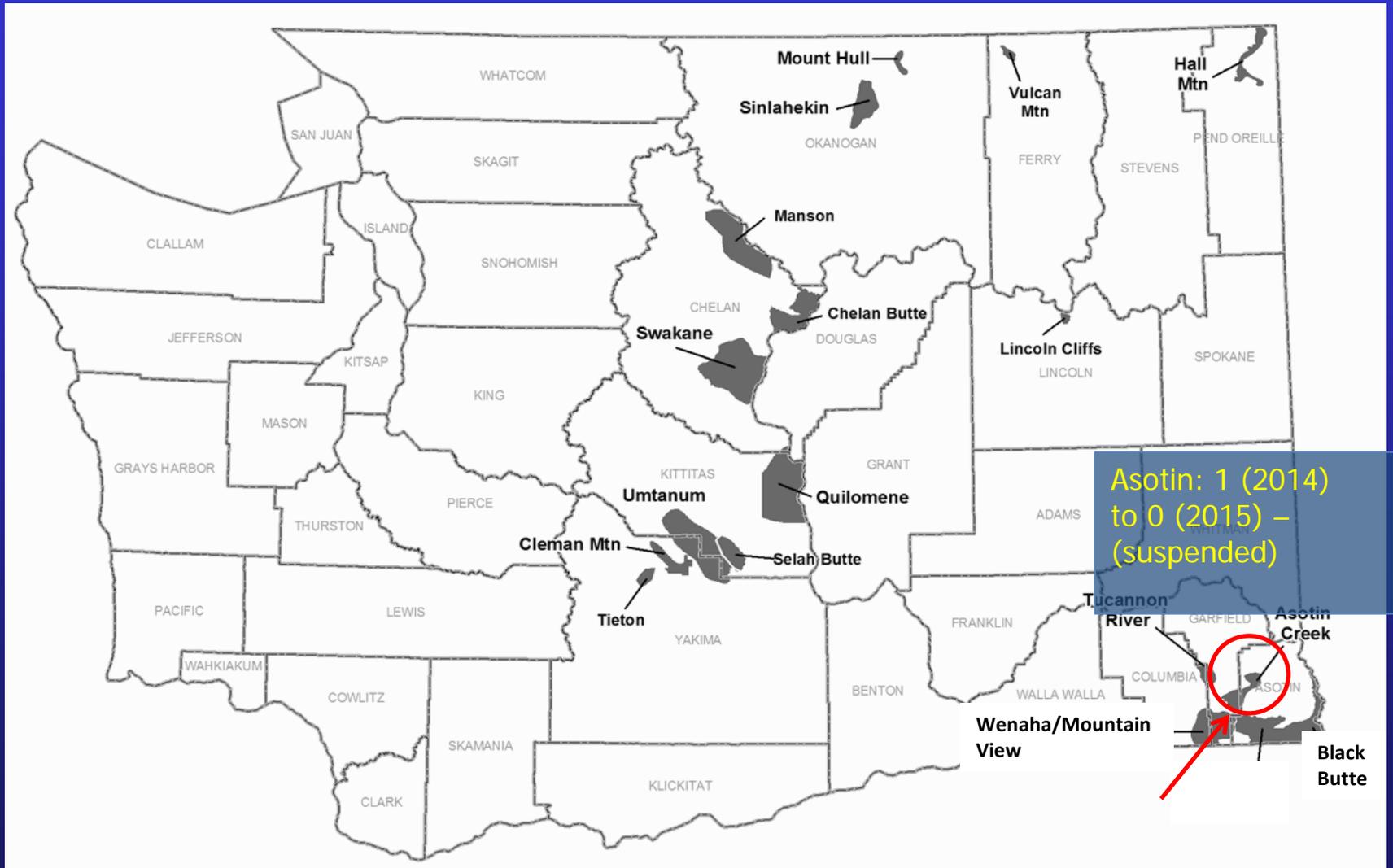
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232-28-622 Bighorn Sheep

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



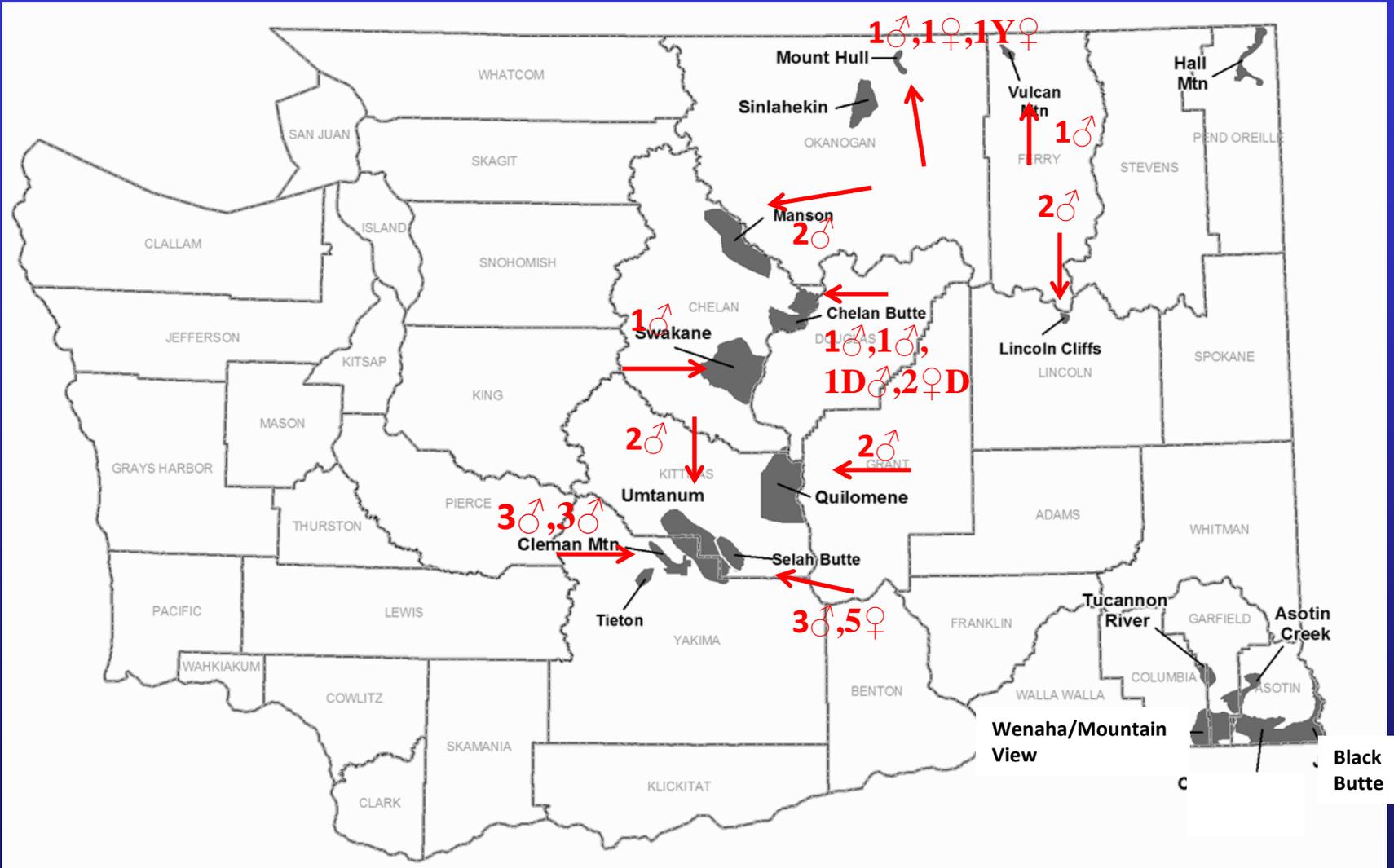
Revisions to "Rocky Mtn" Bighorn Permits



Asotin: 1 (2014)
to 0 (2015) -
(suspended)

Wenaha/Mountain View
Black Butte

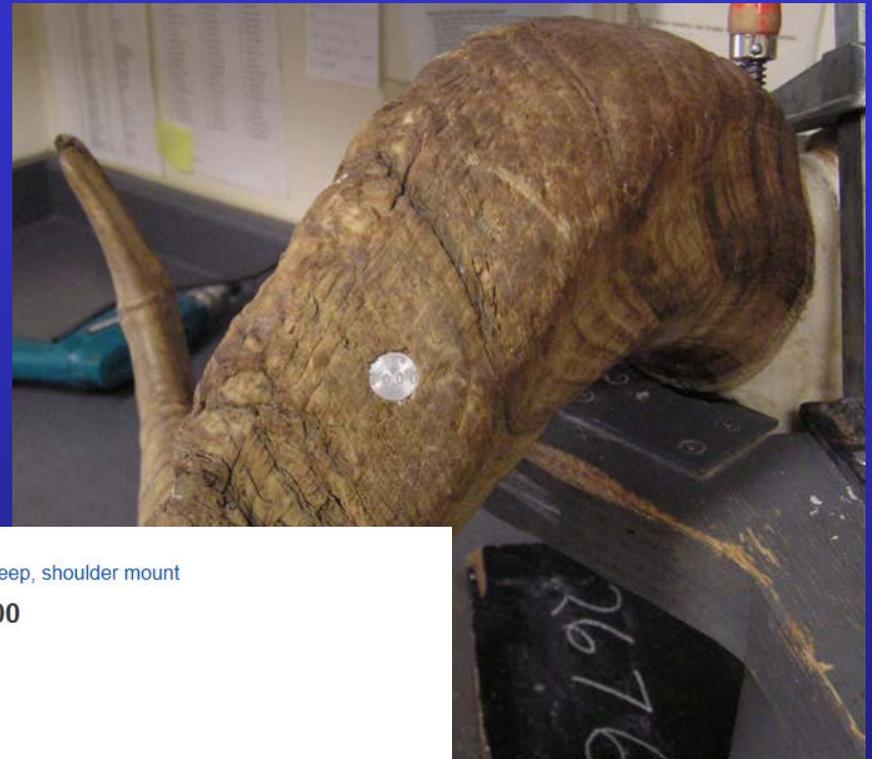
Minor Revisions to Ram Permits (‘California’ Bighorns)



Final Recommended Adjustment

- March recommendation: 1 new “disabled bighorn sheep hunt” category
- New recommendation: 2 sex-specific “disabled bighorn sheep hunt” categories
- Reason: Maintain existing distinction between ram and ewe re: “once-in-lifetime harvest”
- Necessitated by Licensing Division systems

Bighorn sheep horns



Bighorn Sheep, shoulder mount

\$1,800.00

Buy It Now



Big Horn Sheep Head Wall Mount Taxidermy

\$800.00

Buy It Now

\$300.00

0 bids

WAC 232-12-284

- Issue 1 – Redefine horns to include single, unattached sheaths (close loophole)
- Issue 2 – Clarify that picked-up horns are treated as “wildlife found dead” in 232-12-287 (not to be retained)
- Issue 3- Clarify that exceptions (permits) to existing language in 232-12-071 (“unlawful to...sell...nonedible parts of bighorn sheep”) only issued when sale benefits bighorn conservation/management

What about older trophies obtained prior to marking?

- Existing 232-12-284: "(3) It is unlawful for any person to possess the horns of a bighorn sheep ram taken in Washington without one of the horns being permanently marked by the department."
- Recommend revisions: "It is unlawful for any person to possess the horns of a bighorn sheep ram originating in Washington *except as described in subsections...(4)*"..."(4)...In the case of horns originating from a bighorn sheep legally obtained prior to the to the initiation of permanent marking in the jurisdiction of its origin, the Director is authorized to issue a permit for possession (but not for resale)...must be...retained with the horns...horns must [then] be presented for permanent marking to a WDFW office within 30 days".

WAC 232-28-284 Raffles/Auctions

For mountain goats:

- 1 statewide auction

- 1 statewide raffle

For 'California' bighorn sheep:

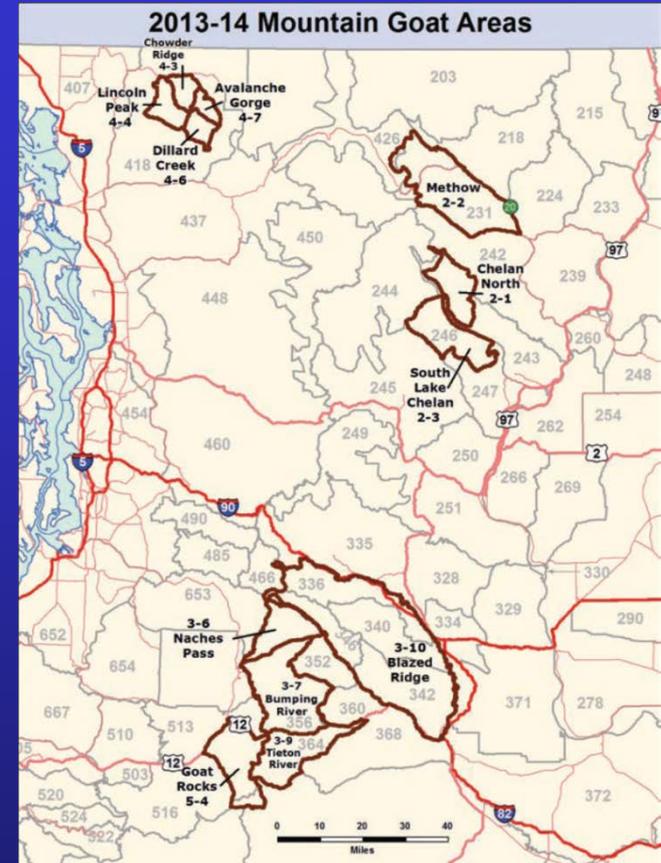
- 1 statewide auction

- 1 statewide raffle

- Southcentral big-game raffle

- Northcentral big-game raffle (choose 3 from 5)

WAC 232-28-284 Raffles/Auctions



Current approach: If 2 or more draw permits, then

*Herd is available for auction/raffle,

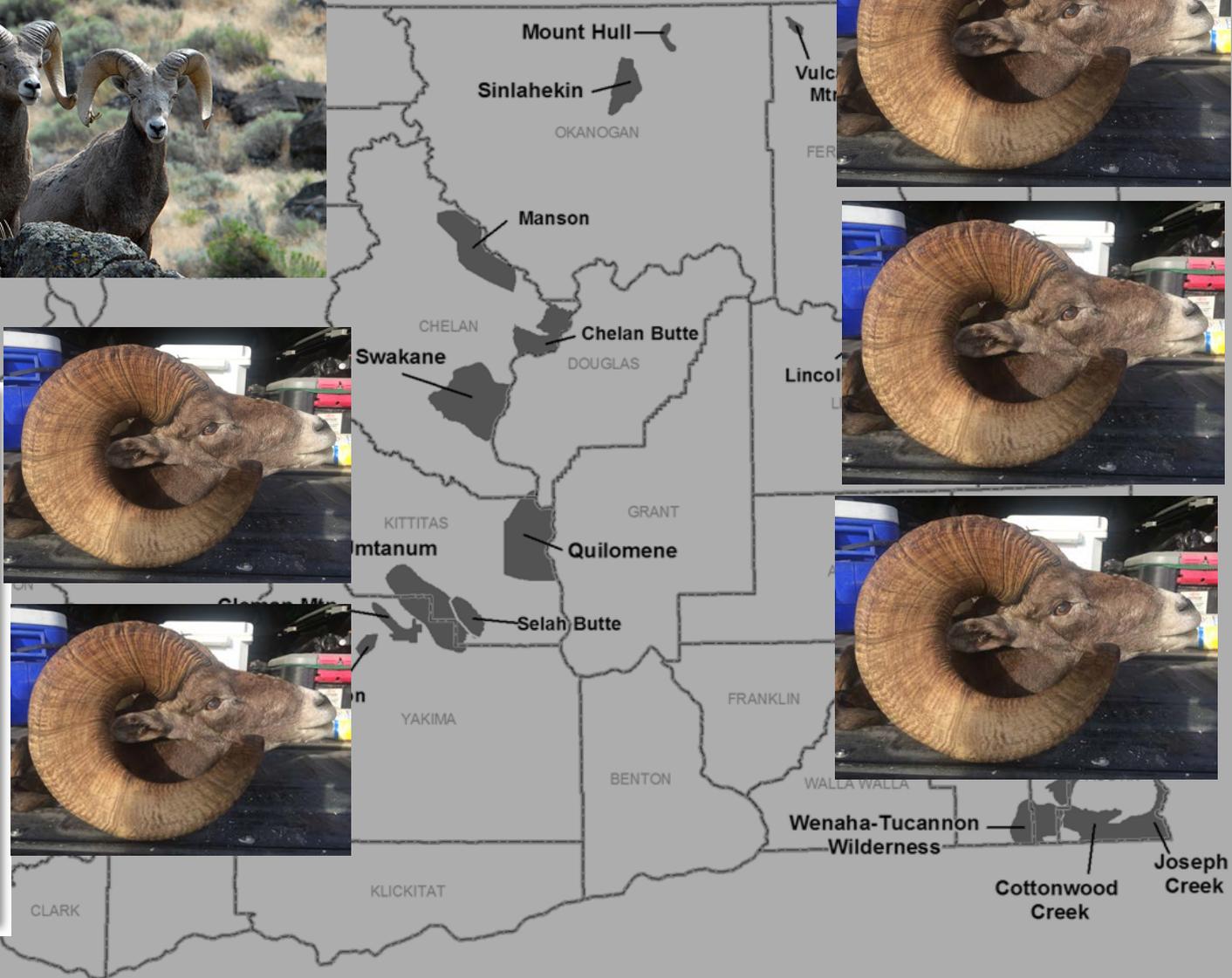
Otherwise,

*Herd is not open for raffle/auction

- Ensures herd is large
- Provides predictability...but

Unintended consequences

Too many, or too few



WAC 232-28-284 Raffles/Auctions Recommended Resolution

- Allow Director flexibility
- Will determine which herd is eligible based on where auction/raffle hunters went in previous year
- Will know by 1 January which to open for coming autumn (earlier than currently, in time for auctions)
- Director will base allocation on consistent protocol, skipping years for that herd if previous pressure too high
- Will allow opening more herds to auction/raffle while mitigating 'boom and bust'



Questions?

