

# Agenda Item 8

## Deer Areas

## Elk Areas

# Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas



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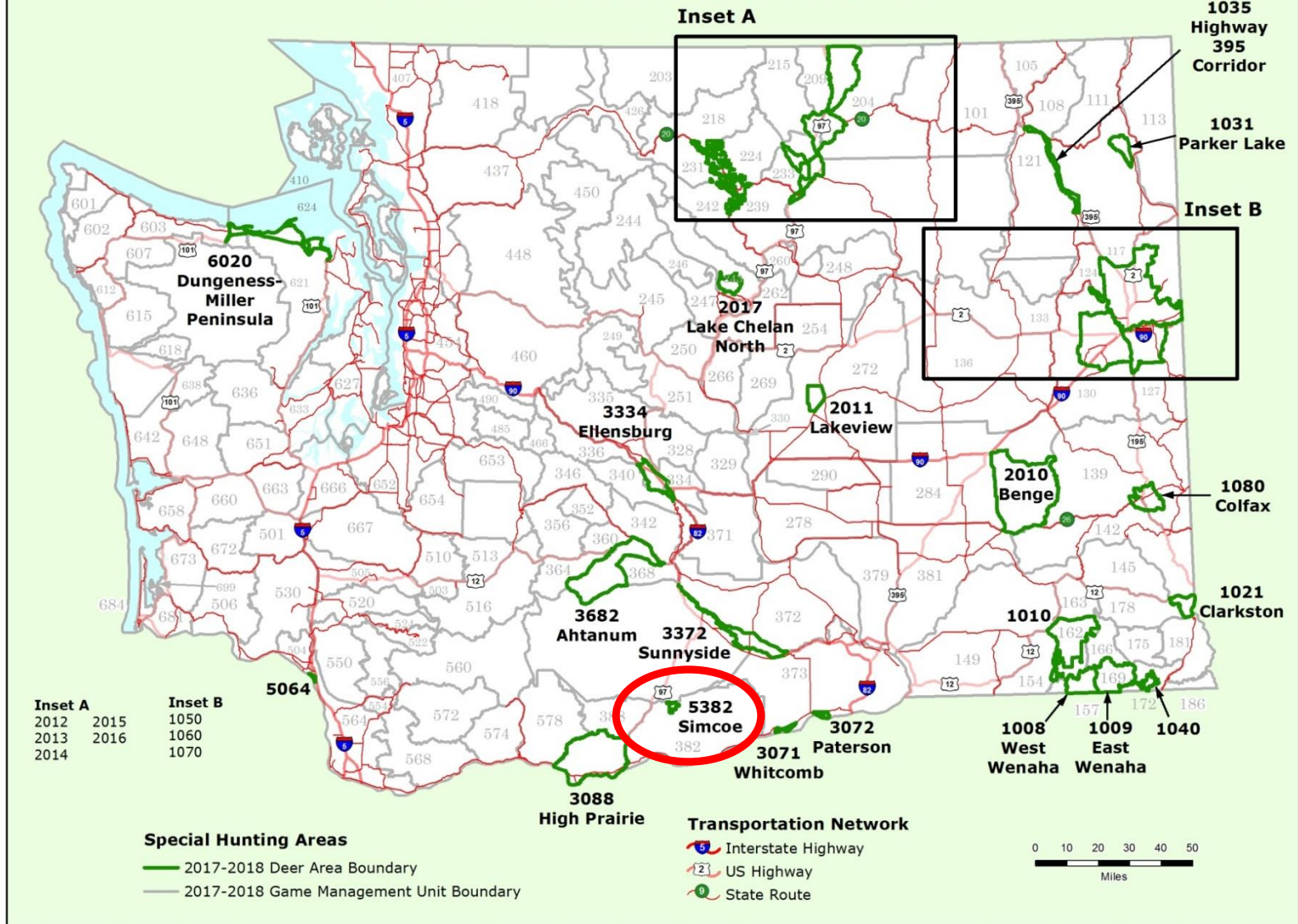
# Deer Areas WAC 232-28-624

- Proposed new Deer Area in Klickitat County
  - Deer Area 5382 Simcoe

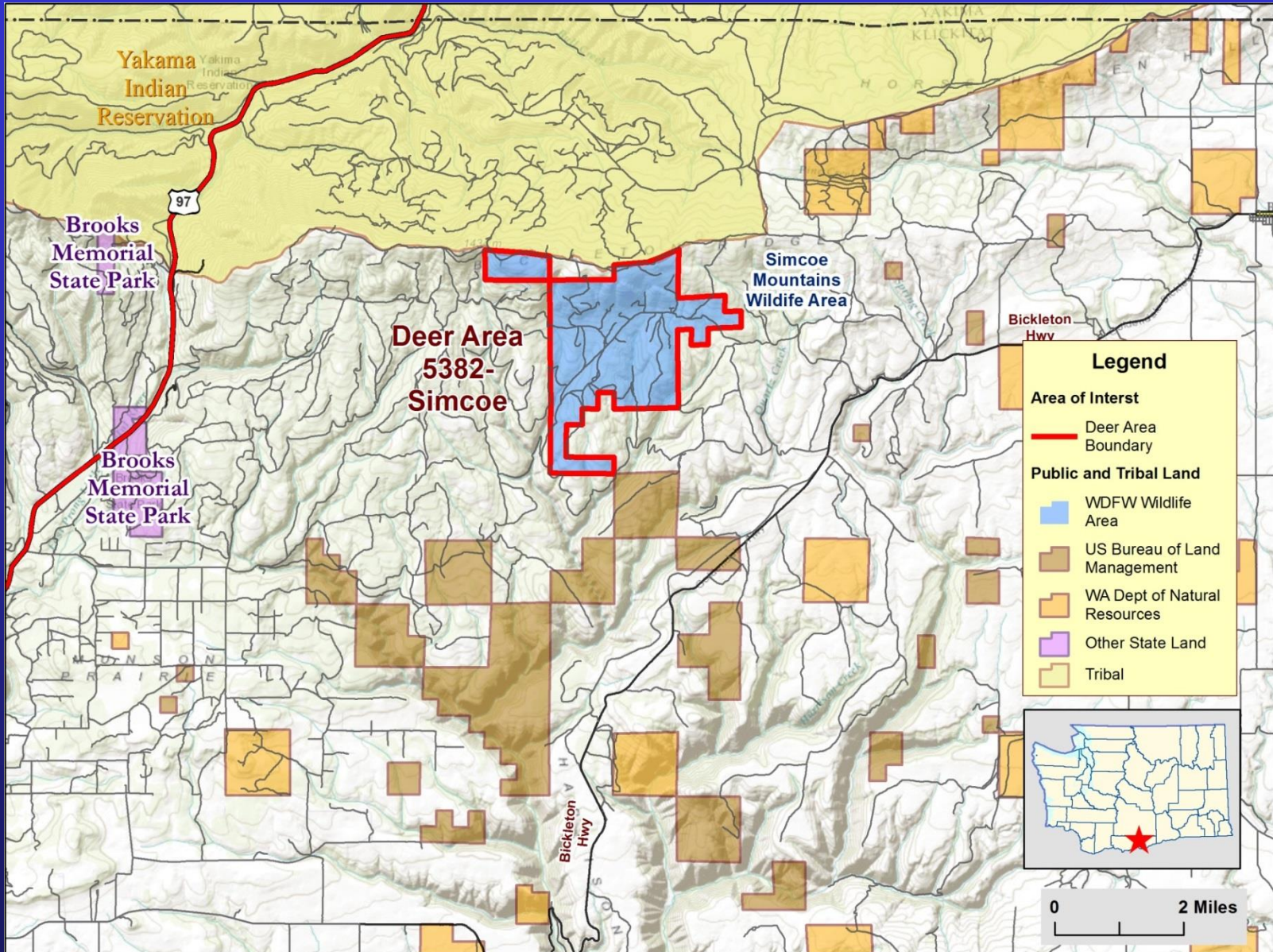




# 2017-2018 Deer Areas



# Deer Area 5382



# Direction and Rationale

- Deer Areas are designed to focus hunter effort on a smaller scale than the GMU.
- Proposed Deer Area is part of newly acquired Wildlife Area land (Simcoe Mountain Unit) on which previous owners had not allowed public access.
- Propose initiating public hunting on this Deer Area via special permit seasons.

# Questions on WAC 232-28-624



# Elk Areas WAC 232-28-337

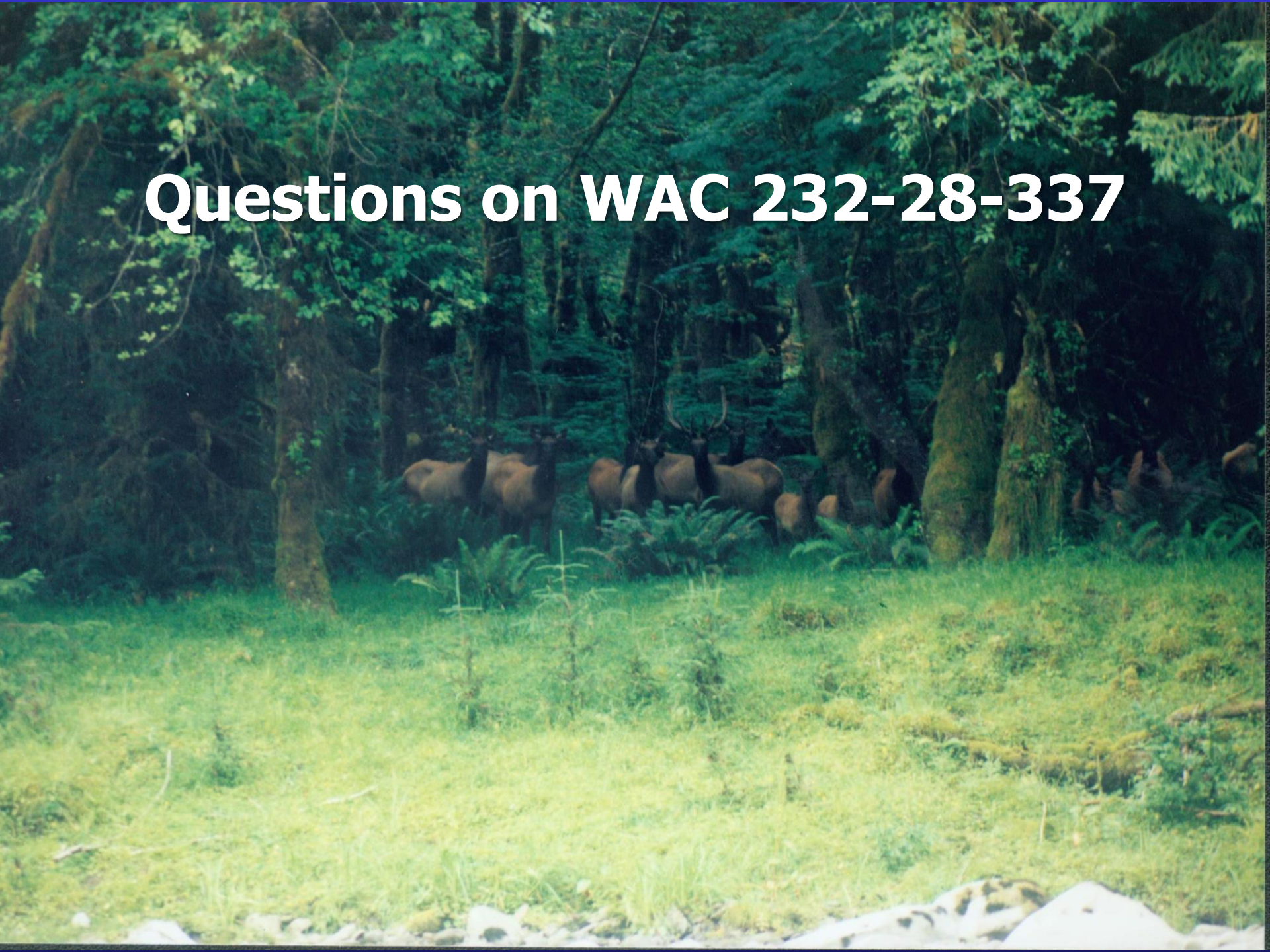
- Proposed removal of six Elk Areas in Grays Harbor, Mason, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties.
  - Elk Areas 6012, 6062, 6066, 6068, 6072, 6073.



# Direction and Rationale

- Elk Areas are designed to focus hunter effort on a smaller scale than the GMU.
- These particular Elk Areas were designed to help mitigate agricultural damage.
- Proposed removals are Elk Areas that are no longer needed.

# Questions on WAC 232-28-337



# **Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas**

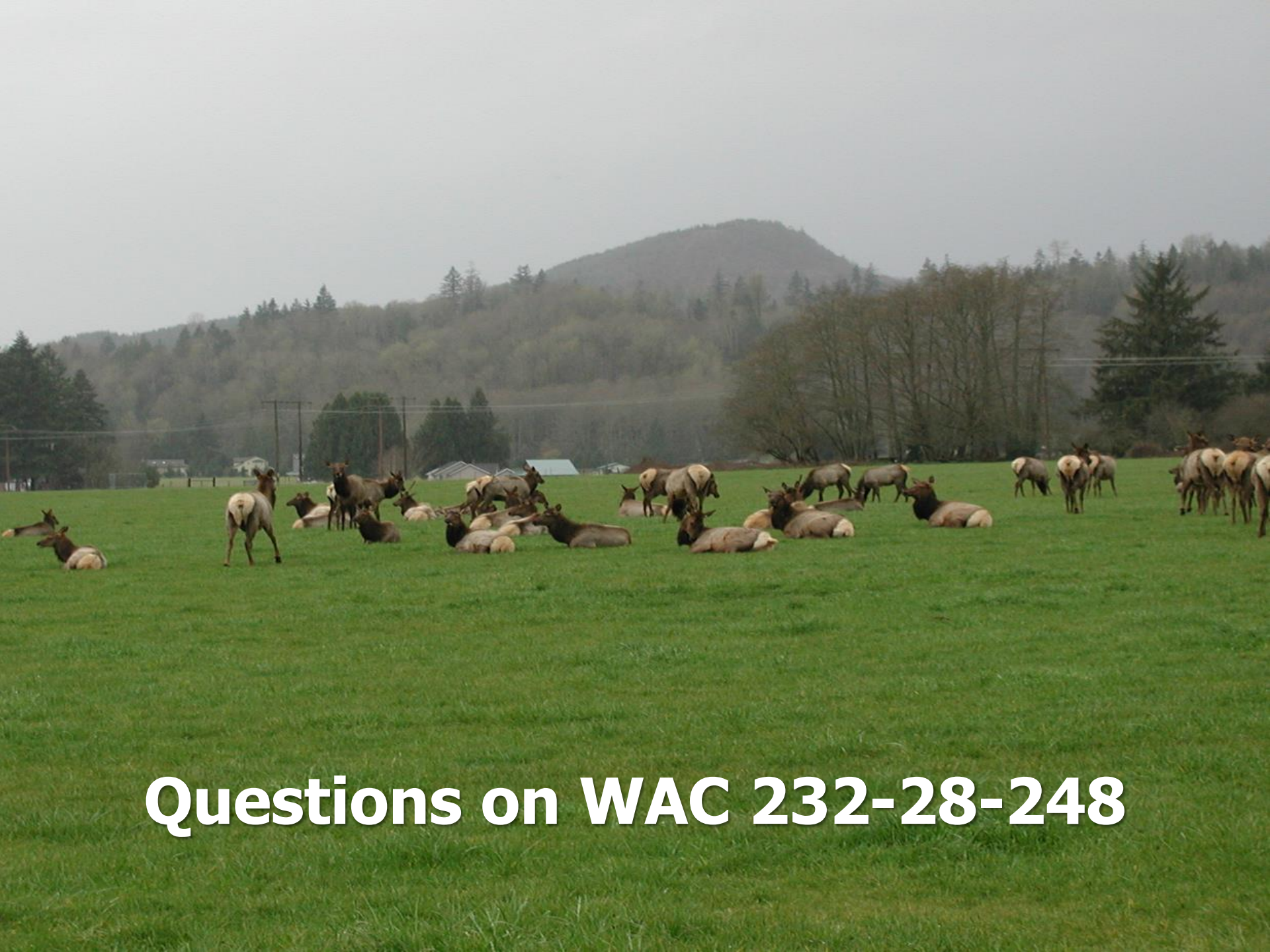
**WAC 232-28-248**

# Proposed Changes

- Proposed adjustments are administrative changes that clarify road names and GMU names.
- Proposed boundary clarifications are in Clark, Cowlitz, and Grays Harbor counties.

# Direction and Rationale

- Firearm Restriction Areas maintain hunting as a management tool while taking into account safety and effectiveness.
- Proposal clarifies boundary language but does not, in effect, change the boundaries.



**Questions on WAC 232-28-248**

# Motion Language

I move to amend WACs 232-28-624;  
232-28-337; and 232-28-248  
as proposed.