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Mountain Goat Seasons



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Mountain goat hunt areas as of 2017



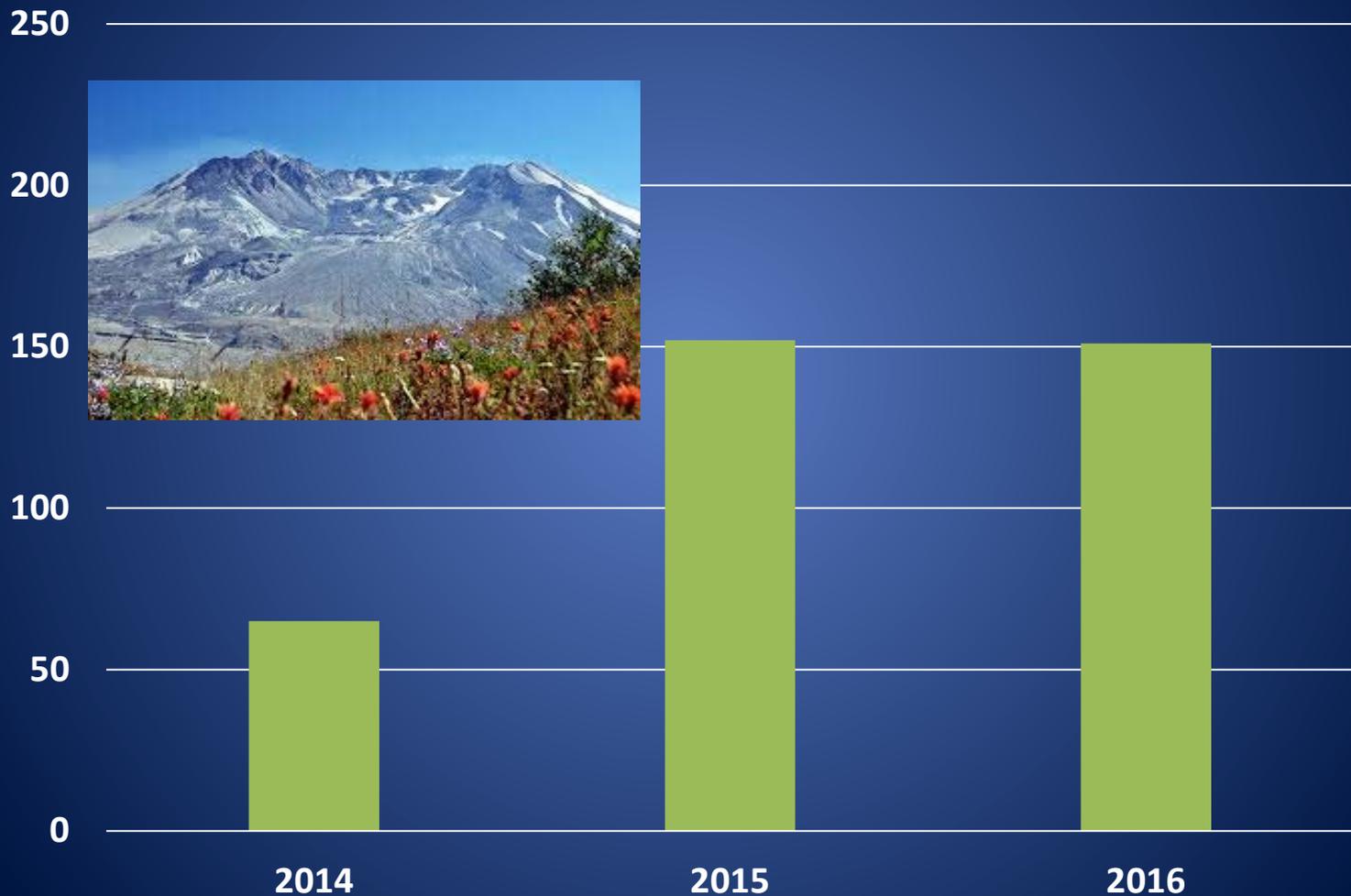
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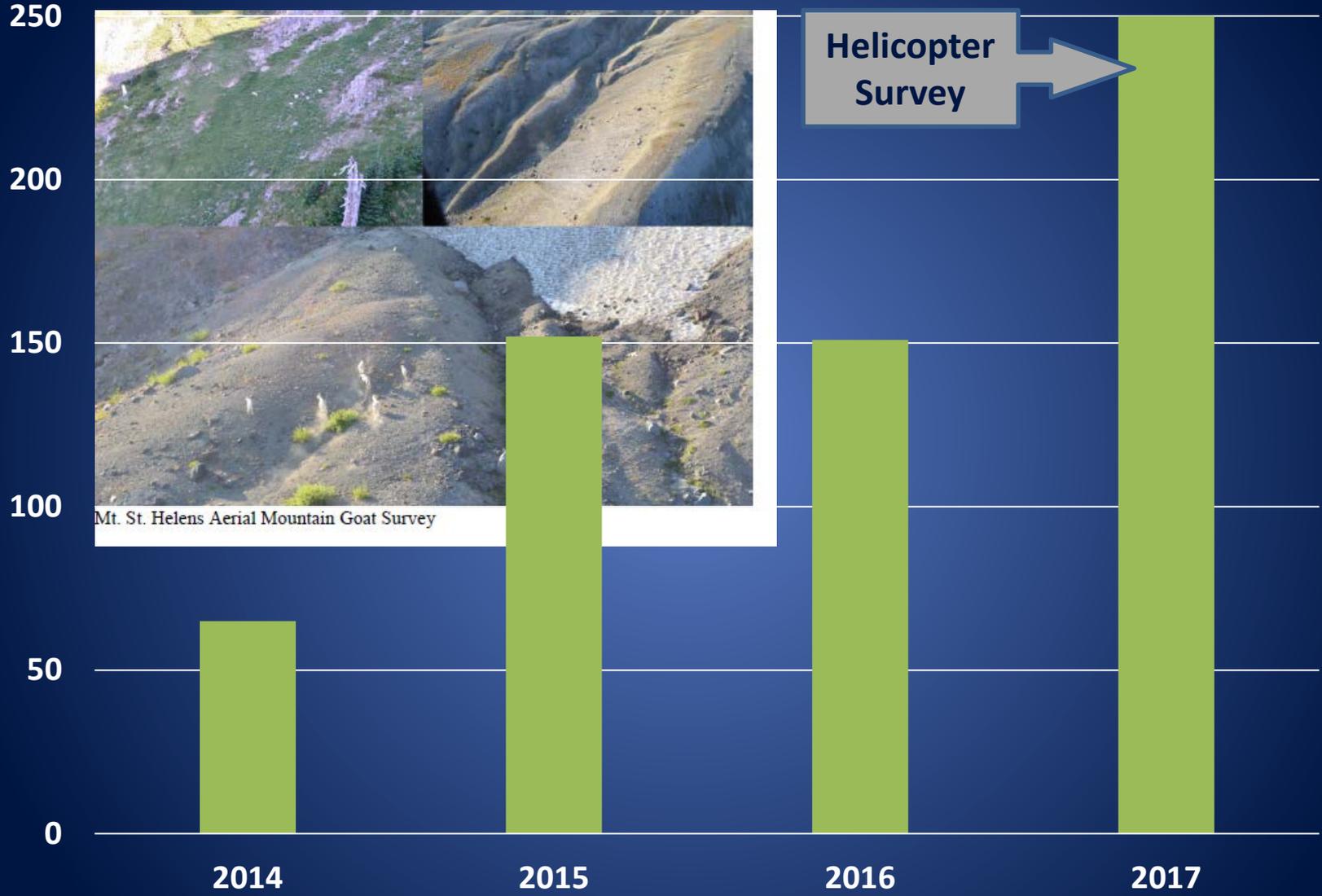


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Estimated Goats in the Mt. St. Helens Area (ground surveys)

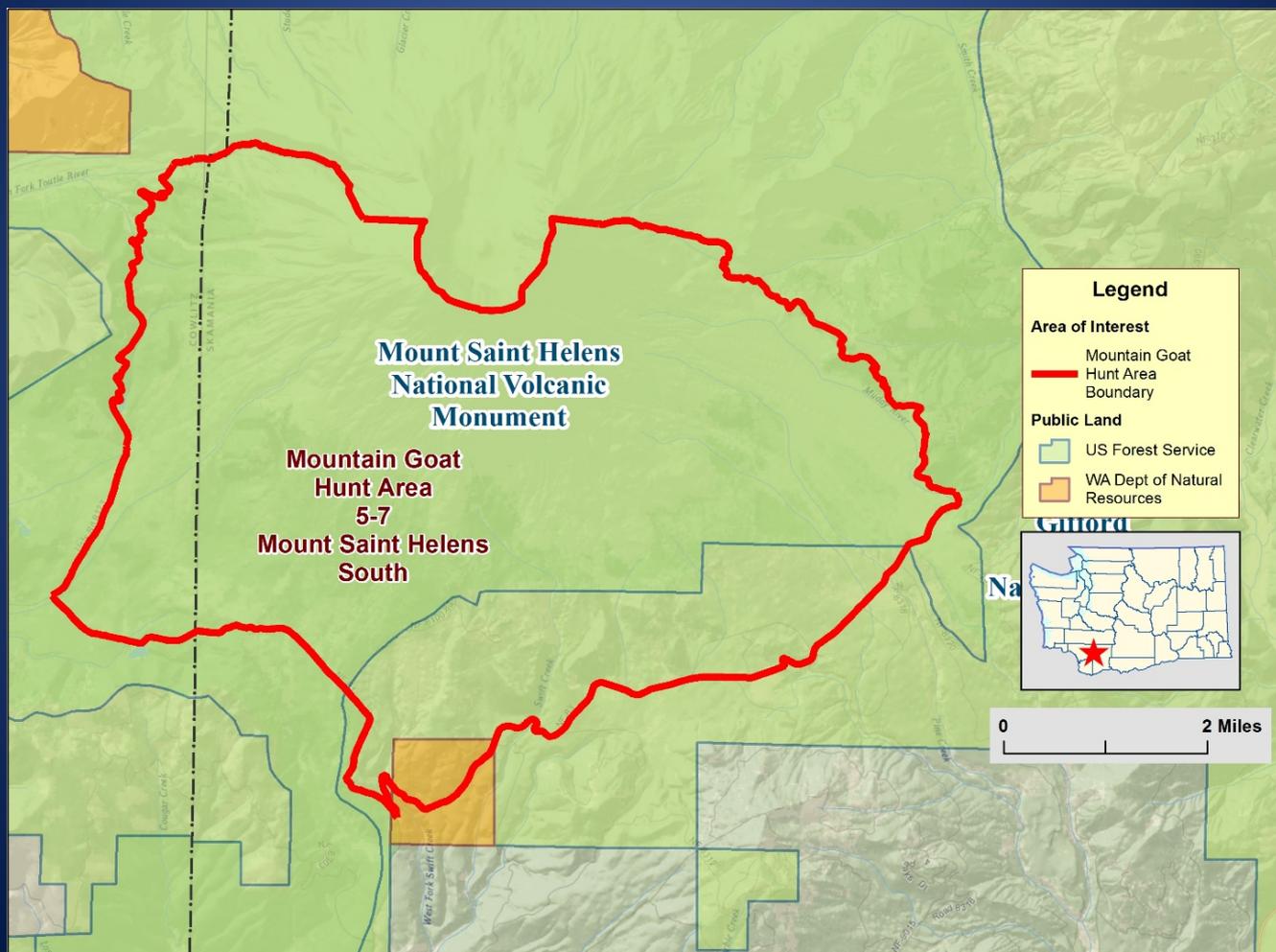




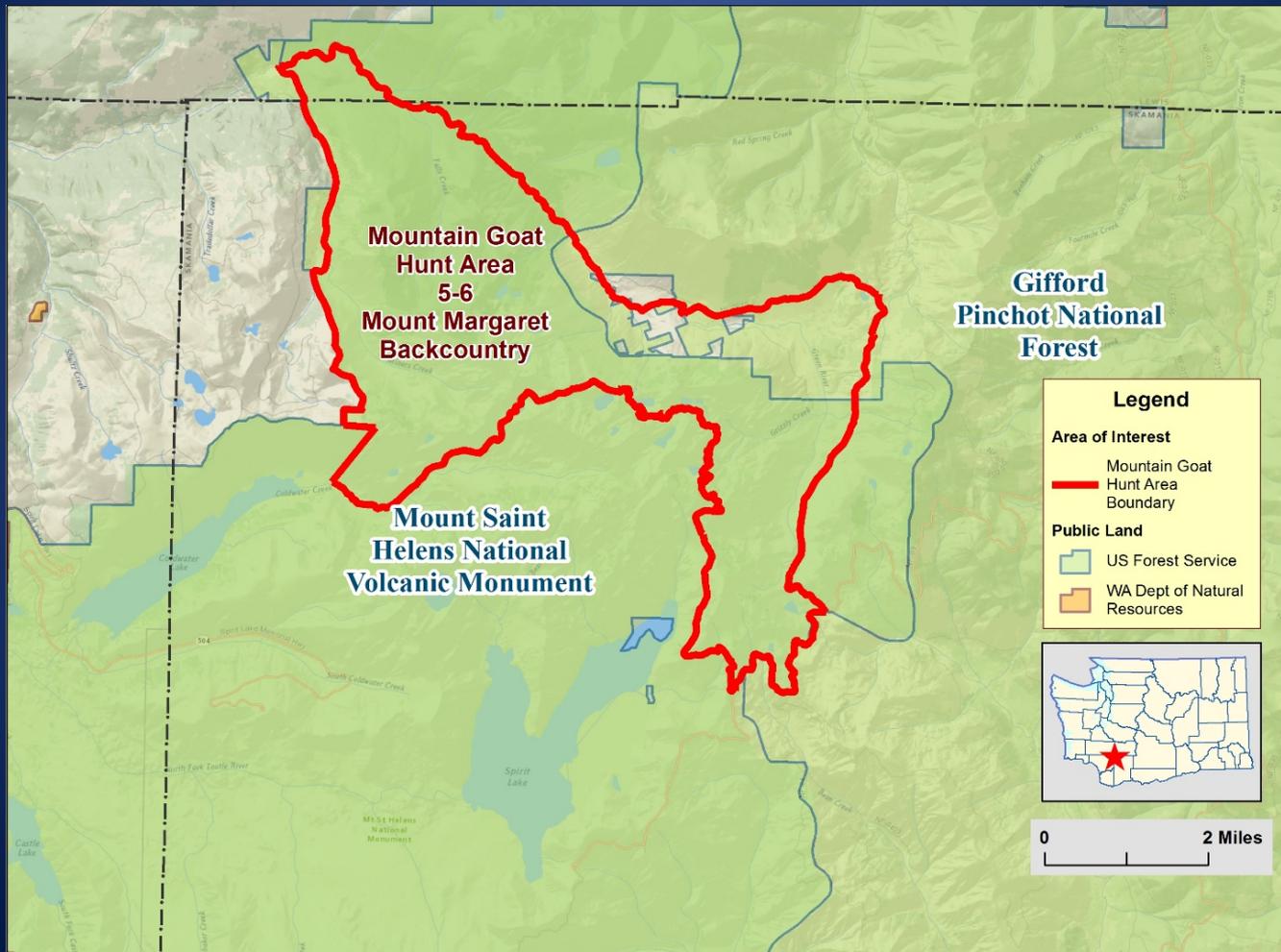
Mt. St. Helens Aerial Mountain Goat Survey

Helicopter Survey

New Mountain Goat Hunt Area: Mt. St. Helens (1 permit)

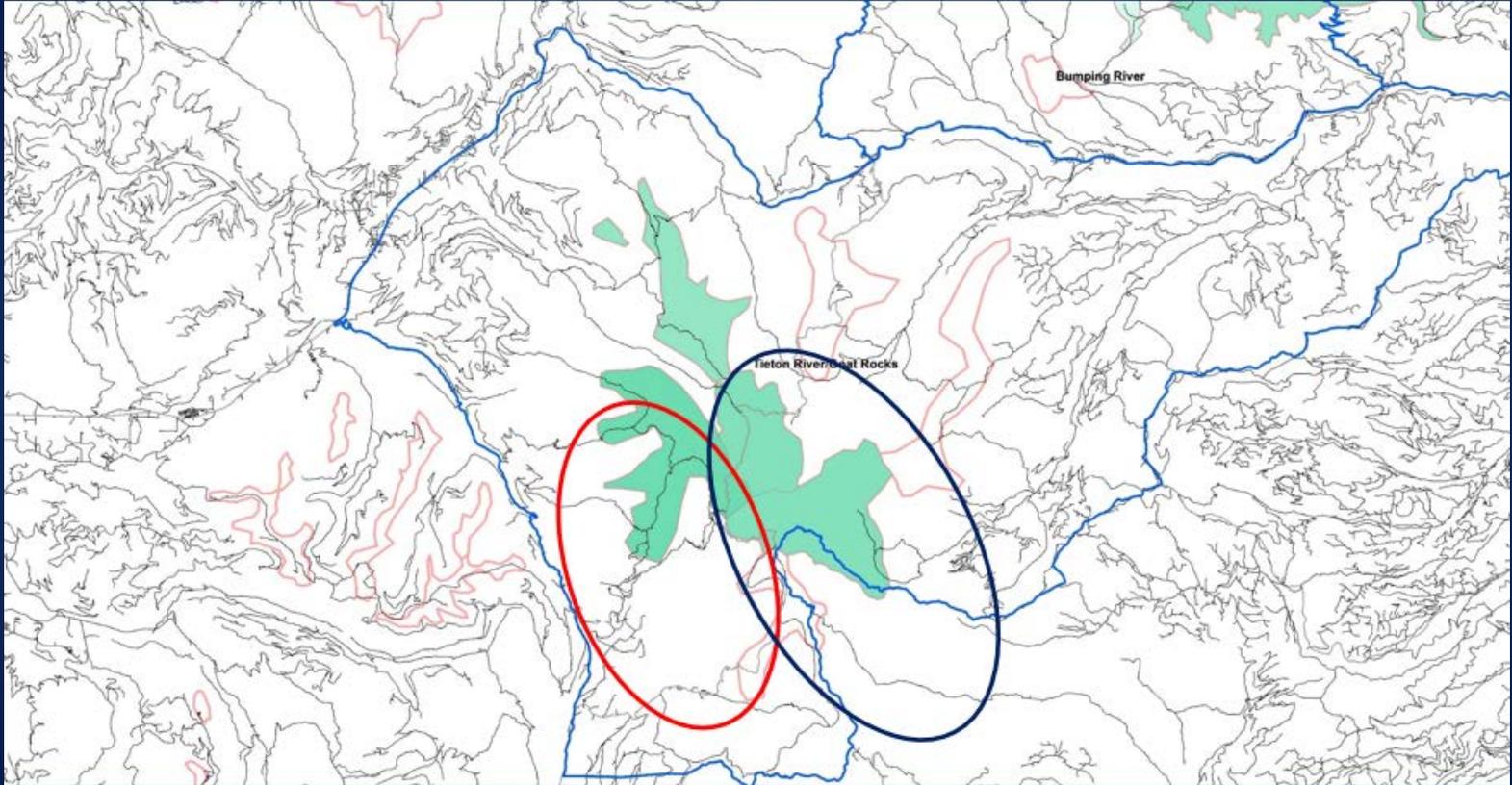


New Mountain Goat Hunt Area: Mt. Margaret (1 permit)

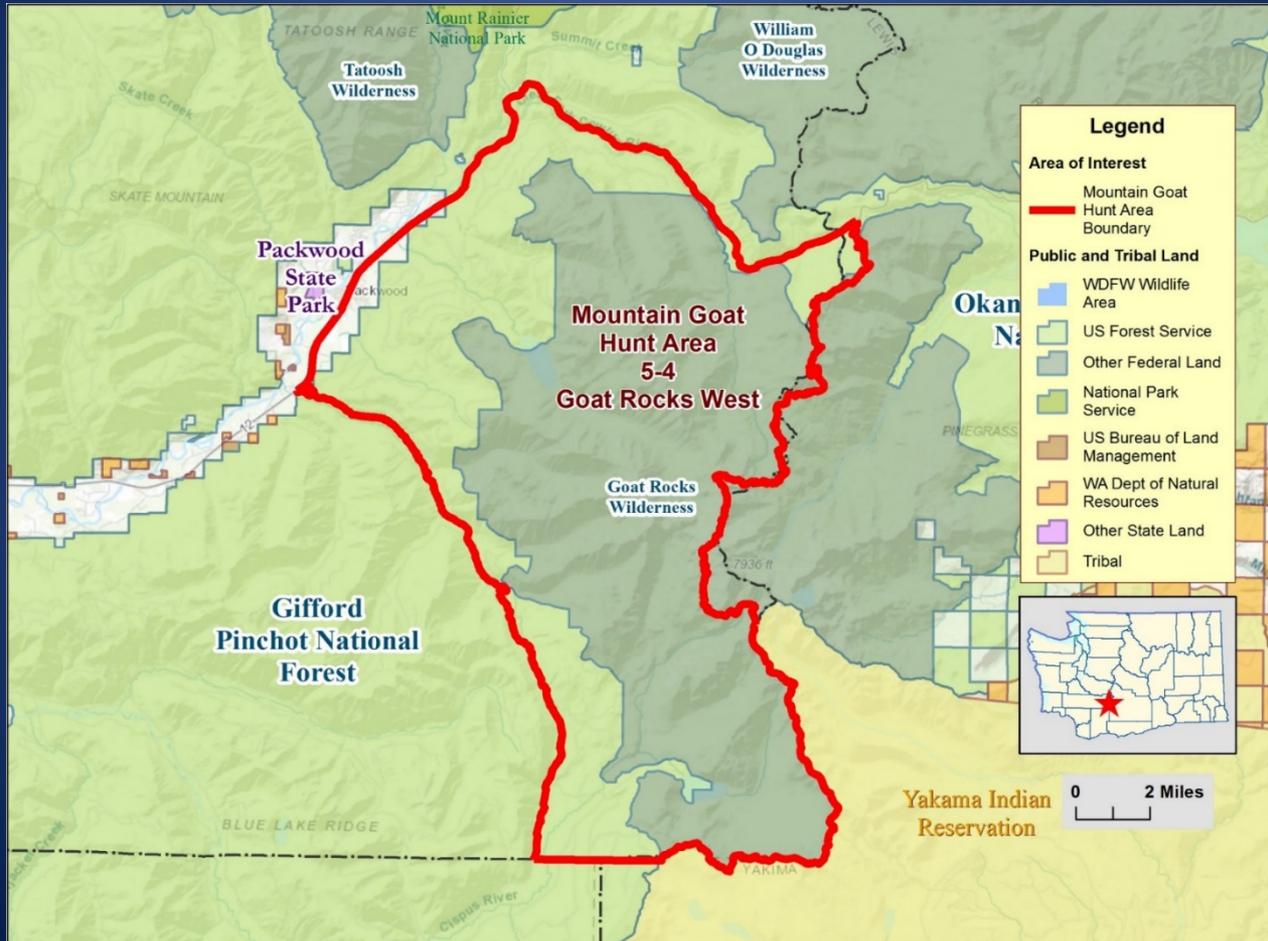


Mountain Goat Populations are Still Sensitive to Harvest

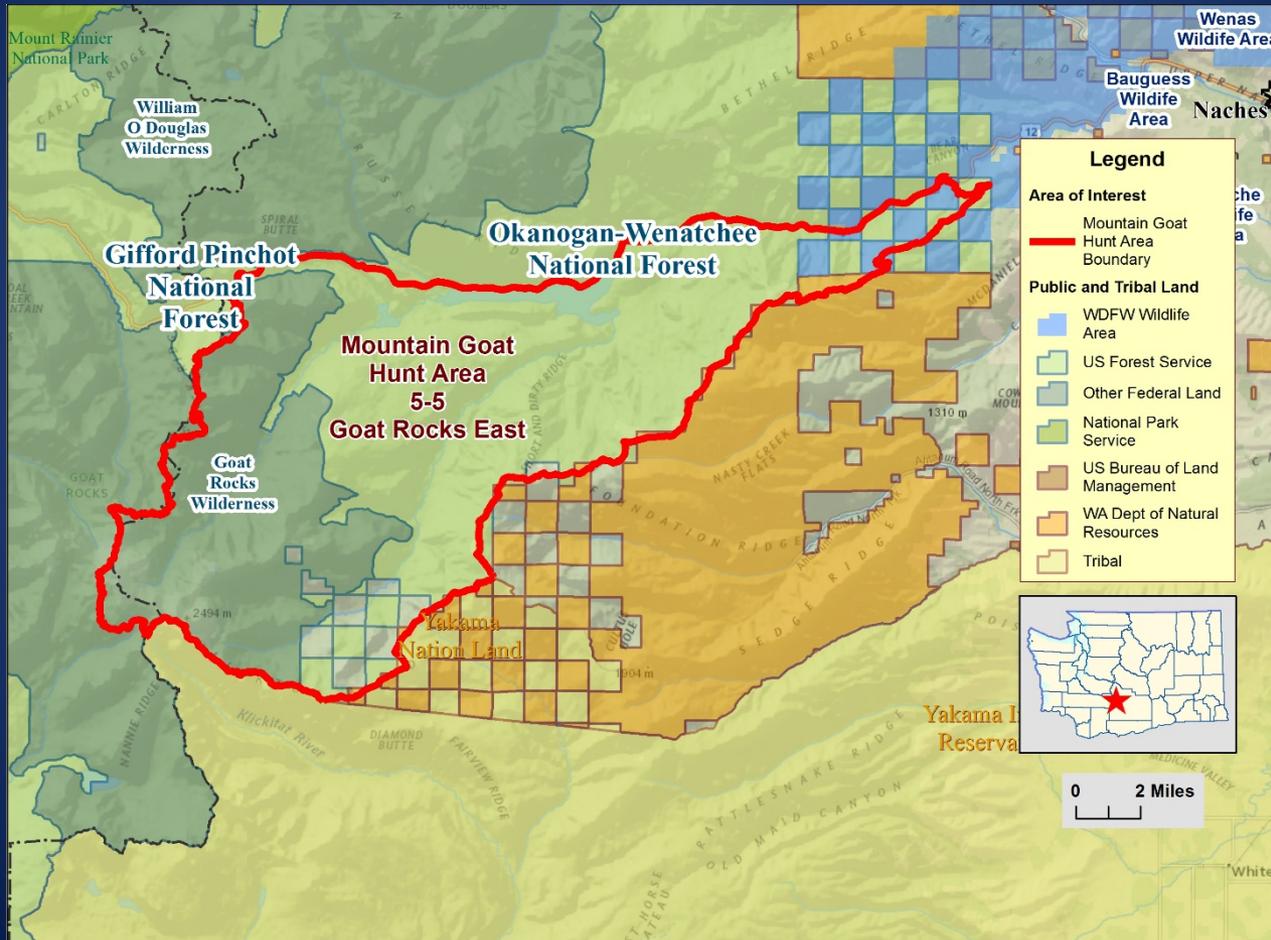
- Ensure we are not “mining” animals from only accessible parts of hunt areas
- Minimize harvest of females (“nannies”)



2 Permits



3 Permits



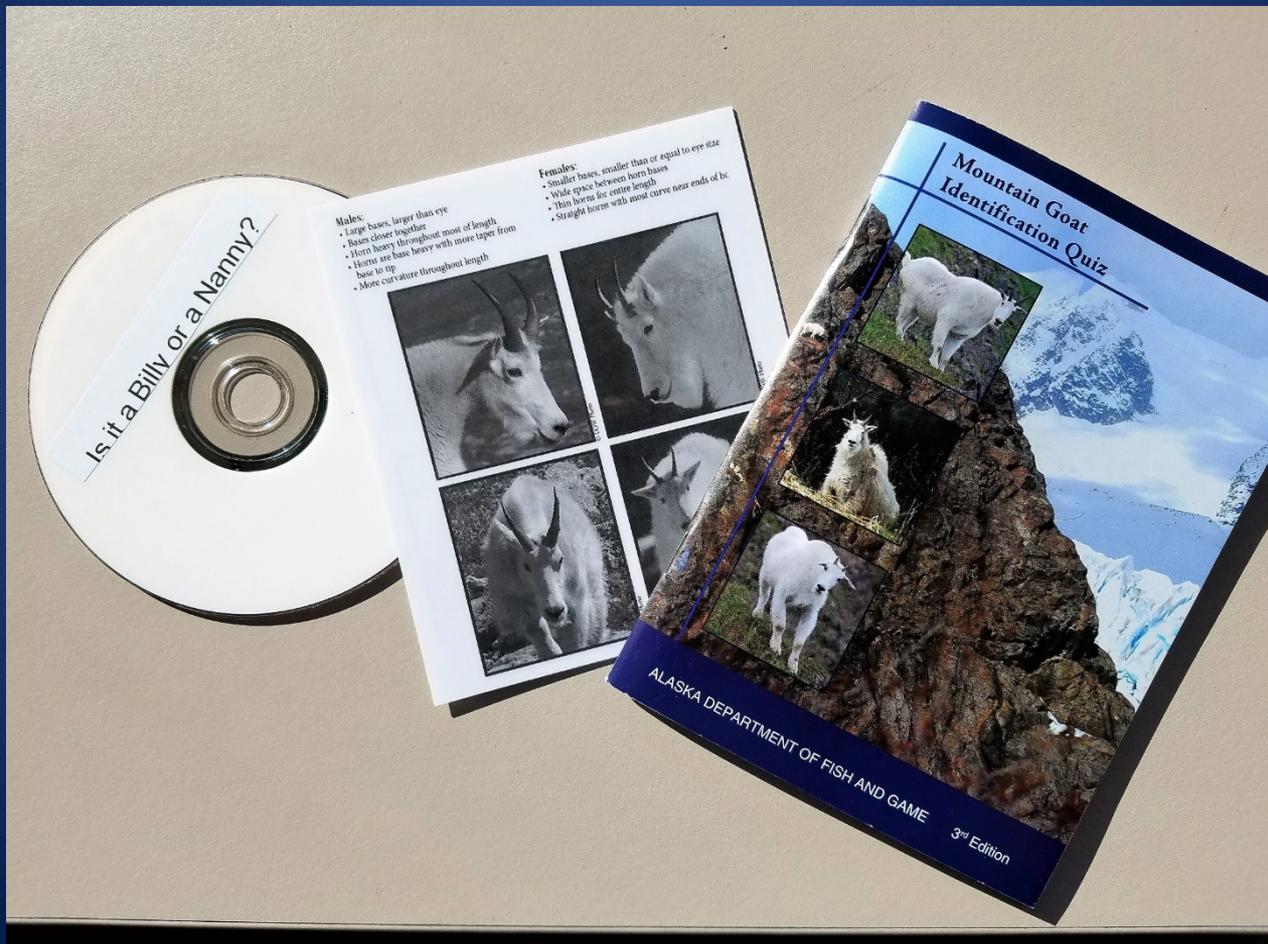
Which is which?





**In field situations,
not so easy....**

Current Goat Gender Identification Education





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Mountain Goat Identification Quiz

This quiz is composed of 25 questions. A passing grade is 20 or more correct answers.

This quiz will help you avoid accidentally harvesting female mountain goats. Harvesting females can have significant negative effects on mountain goat population productivity, and can result in early closures and more restrictive regulations in future years. A little practice can go a long way towards ensuring a satisfying hunting experience.

Prior to taking this quiz you should read the information found on the [Mountain Goat Identification](#) web page(s).

[Take the Mountain Goat Identification quiz](#)

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Public Comments

Supporting Comments

- 1 supported the creation of new hunting areas in the Mt. St. Helens area
- 2 supported the creation of a new web-based gender ID test
- 2 supported subdividing the Goat Rocks unit into 2 adjacent areas
- 8 expressed general support of the proposals

Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments

- 7 proposed initiating new hunts in various areas
- 1 favored removing the “Once in a Lifetime” limitation for the East Olympic conflict reduction hunt; 3 others supported continuing this hunt
- 3 expressed concern or opposed the gender ID test or had alternative suggestions re: harvesting nannies
- 1 favored allowing hunting with muzzleloader equipment on September 1
- 2 expressed concern about harvest from Tribal members

Questions?

