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Bighorn Sheep Seasons



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Bighorn Sheep

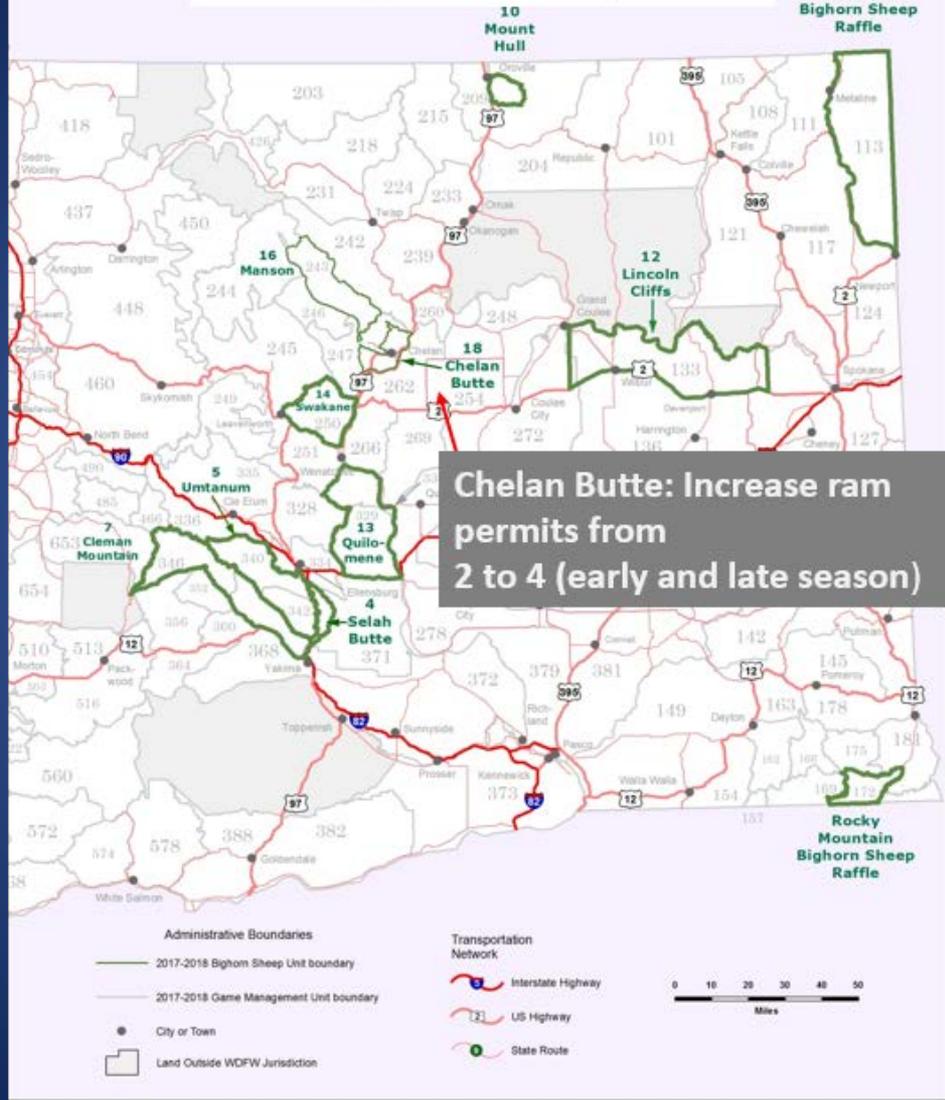
- Minor revisions in permit levels
- All respond to Game Management Plan and recent survey information





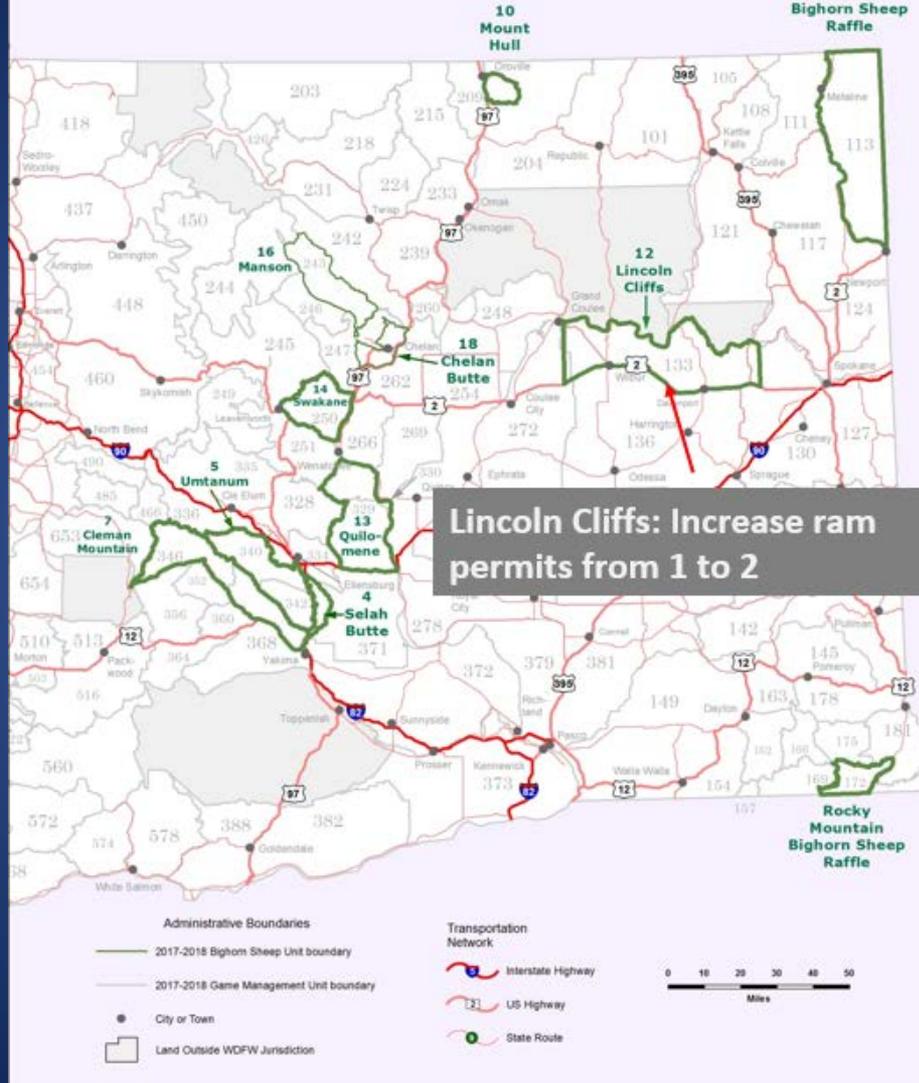
Bighorn herd shared with Oregon; Umatilla Tribe also has hunting rights – will rotate access

2018 Bighorn sheep units

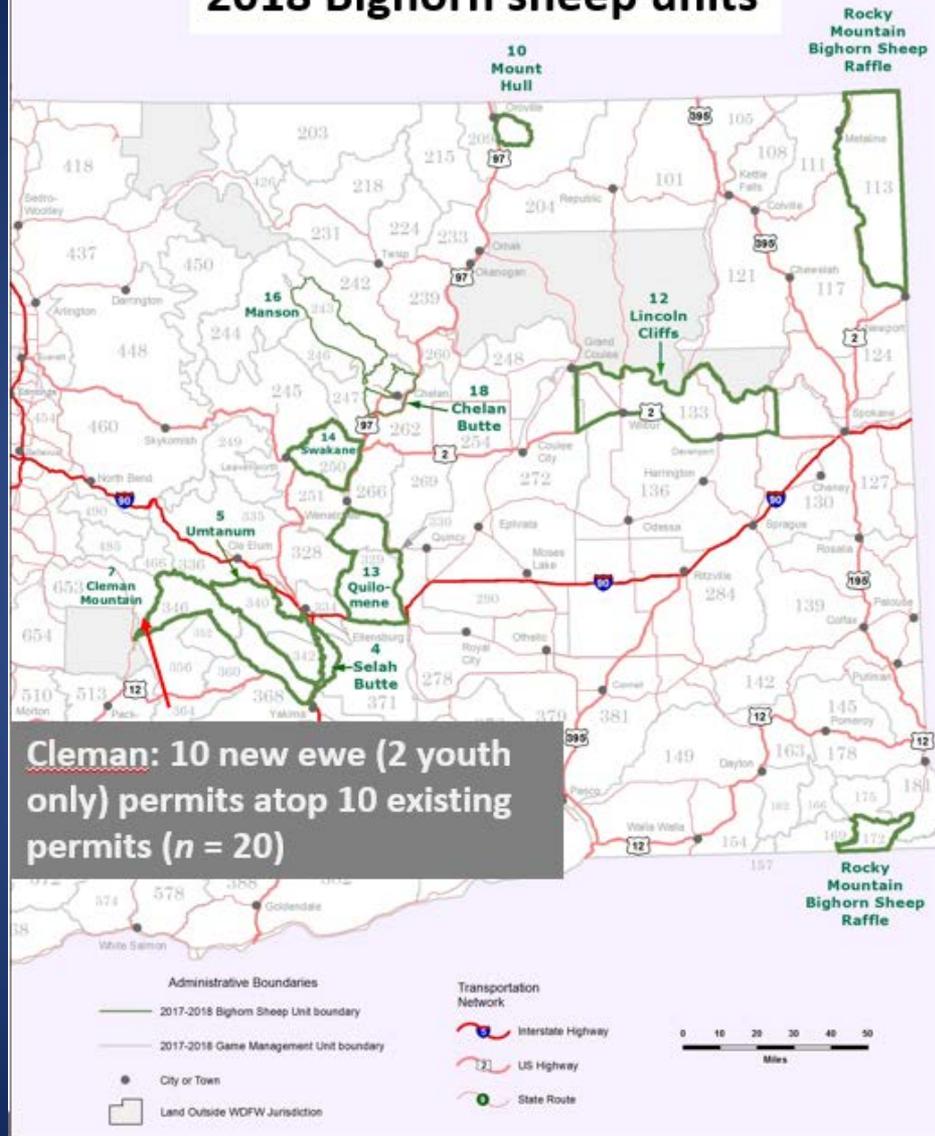


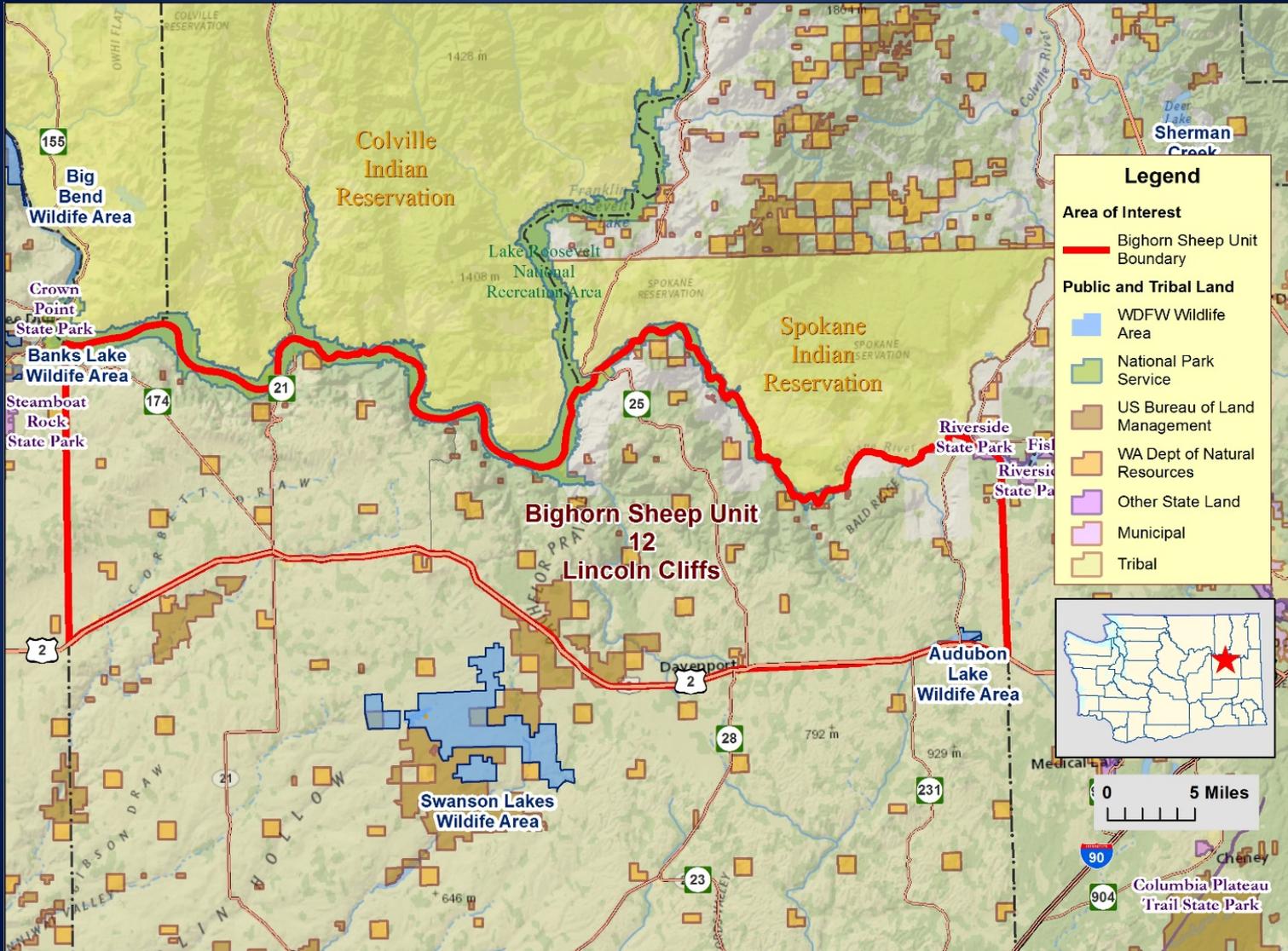
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Rocky Mountain
Bighorn Sheep
Raffle



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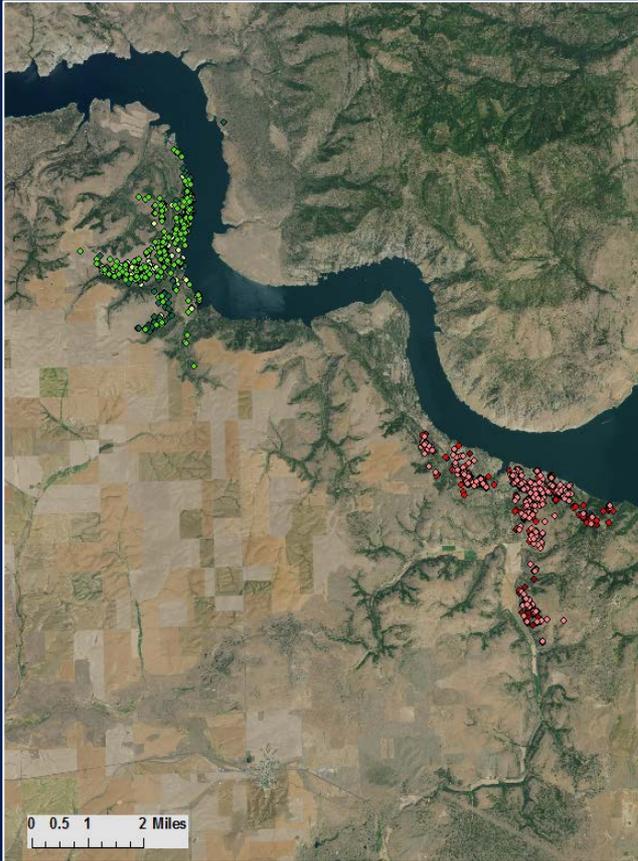




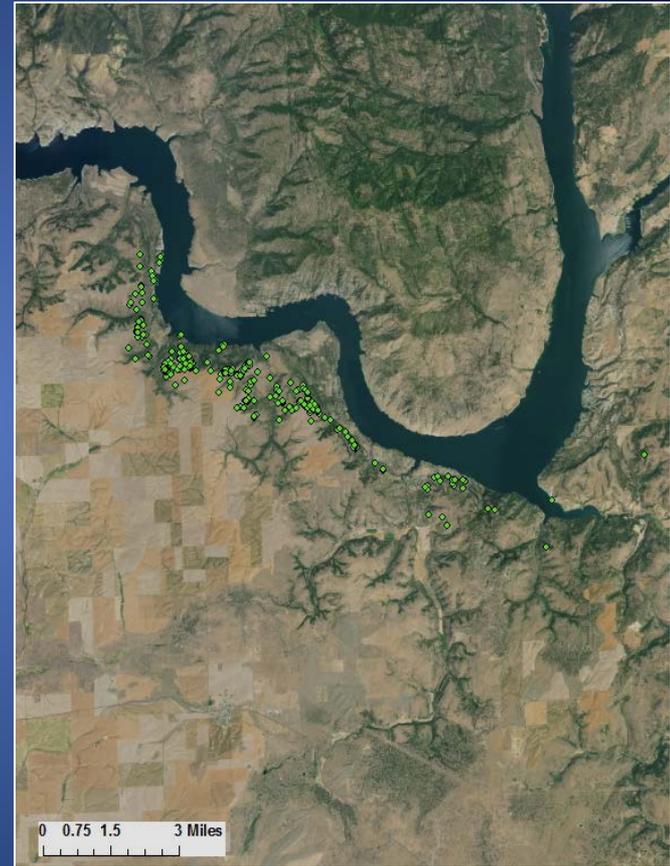
Lincoln Cliffs Bighorn Sheep



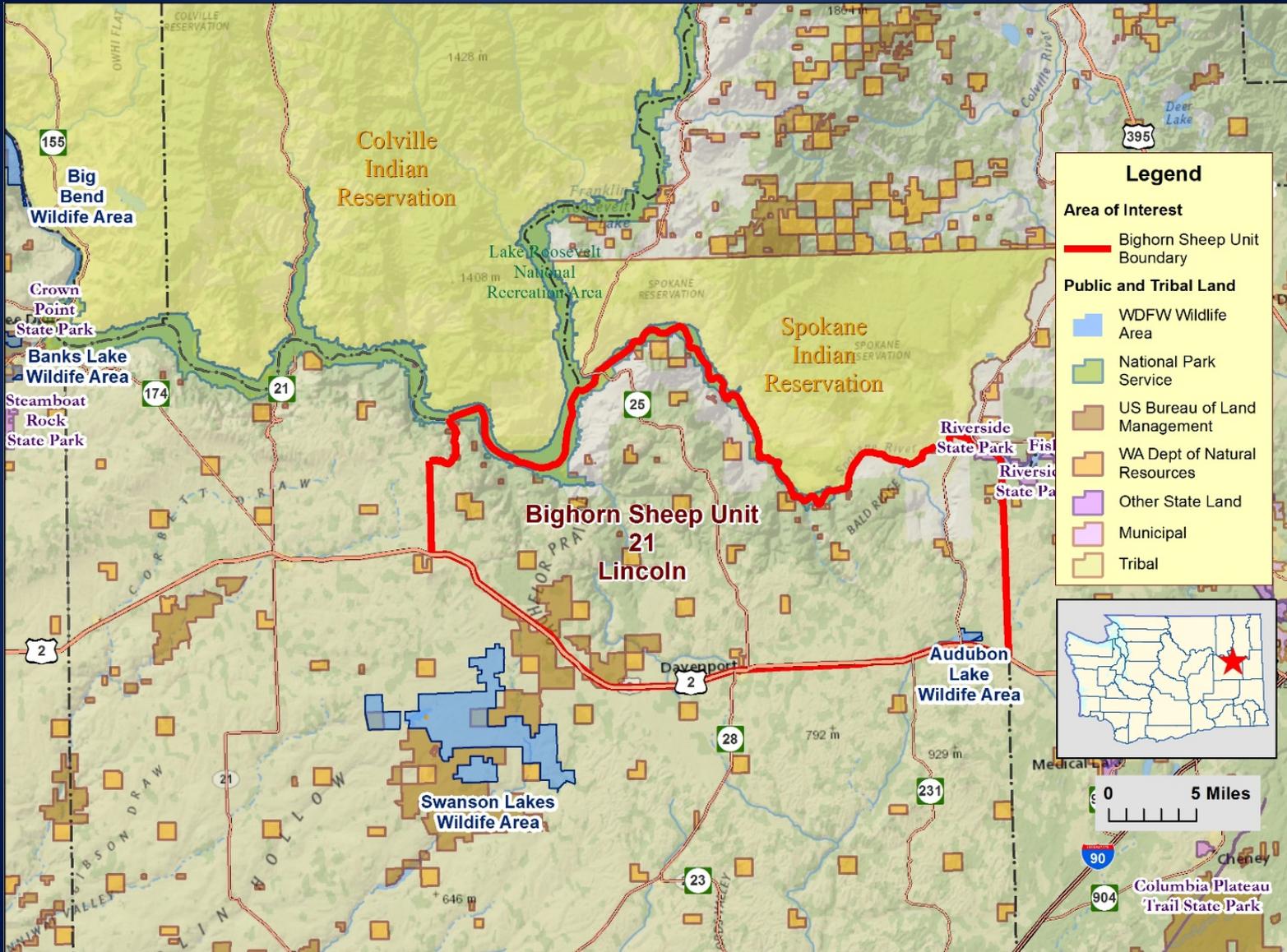
Recent GPS Telemetry Locations

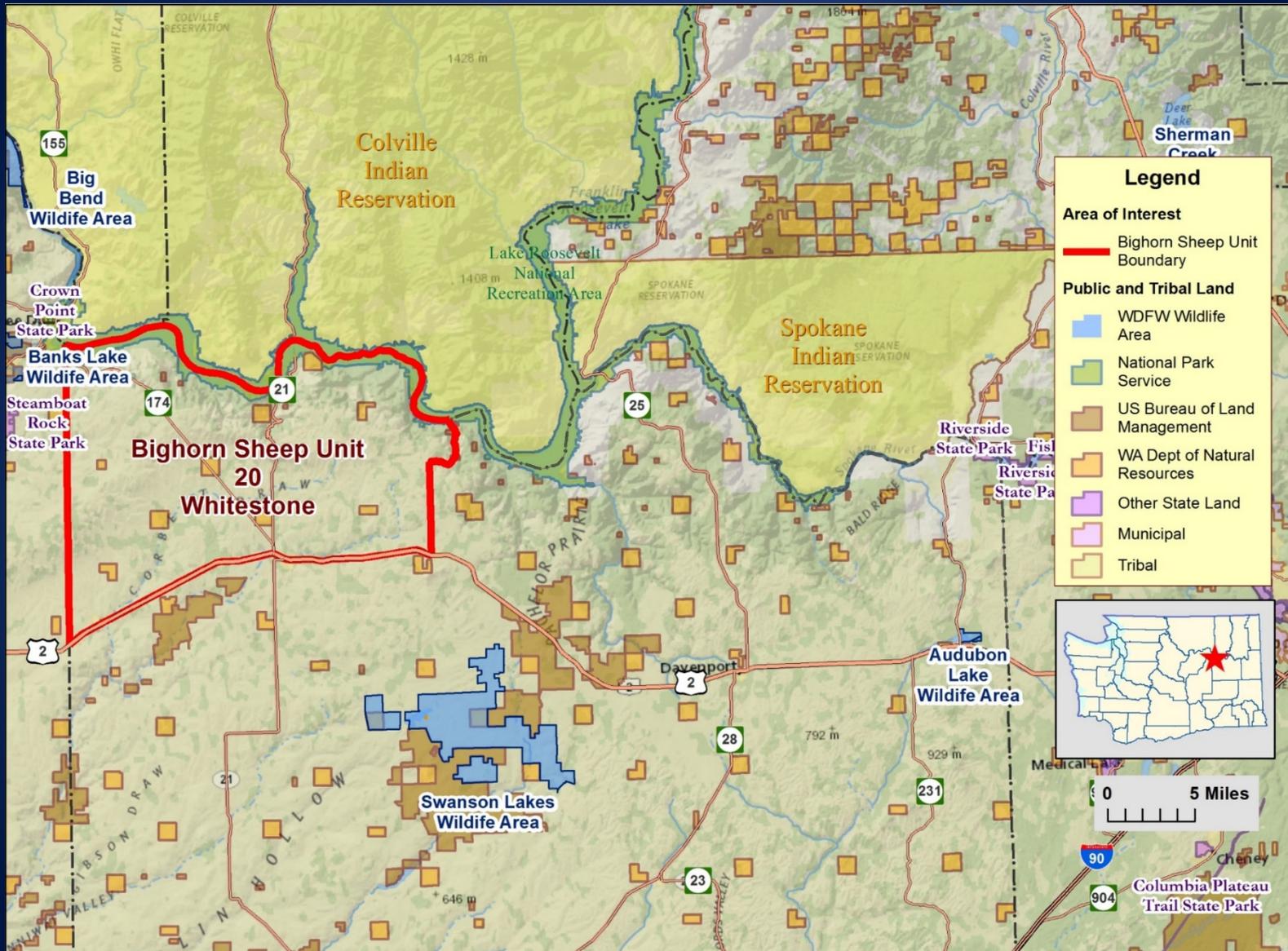


Ewes: showing sub-herds



Rams: no substructure





Public Comments

- **Supporting Comments**
- 8 generally supported the revisions

- **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments**
- 2 recommend additional harvest in Lincoln Cliffs, concerned that the herd is larger than the department estimates, and that local property owners dislike the animals.
- 3 opposed providing a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep raffle without corresponding draw tags for the general public in this area.
- 1 expressed concerned about adding pressure on the Swakane bighorn sheep herd.
- 3 proposed transplanting ewes to new areas rather than having ewe hunts when populations exceed objectives. 1 opposed ewe hunting generally.

Questions?

