Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat License Recommendations and State of the Herds Update

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Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep License Recommendations

- Recommending an increase of 2 licenses for 2026
- From 306 to 308 licenses statewide
- Ram and either-sex licenses are decreasing by 4, from 224 to 220
- Ewe licenses are increasing by 6, from 82 to 88

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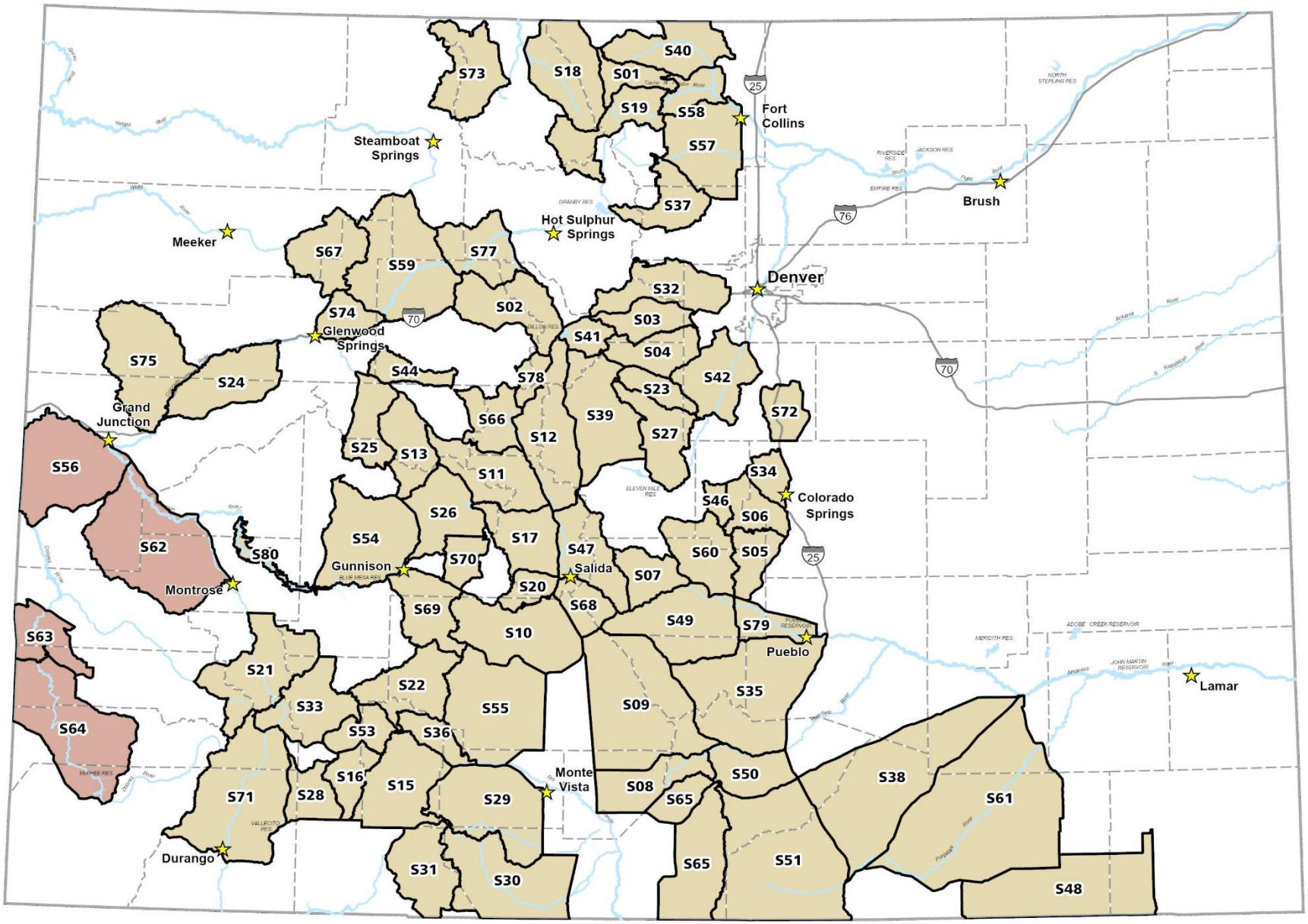

2025 Bighorn Sheep Hunted Game Management Units (GMU)

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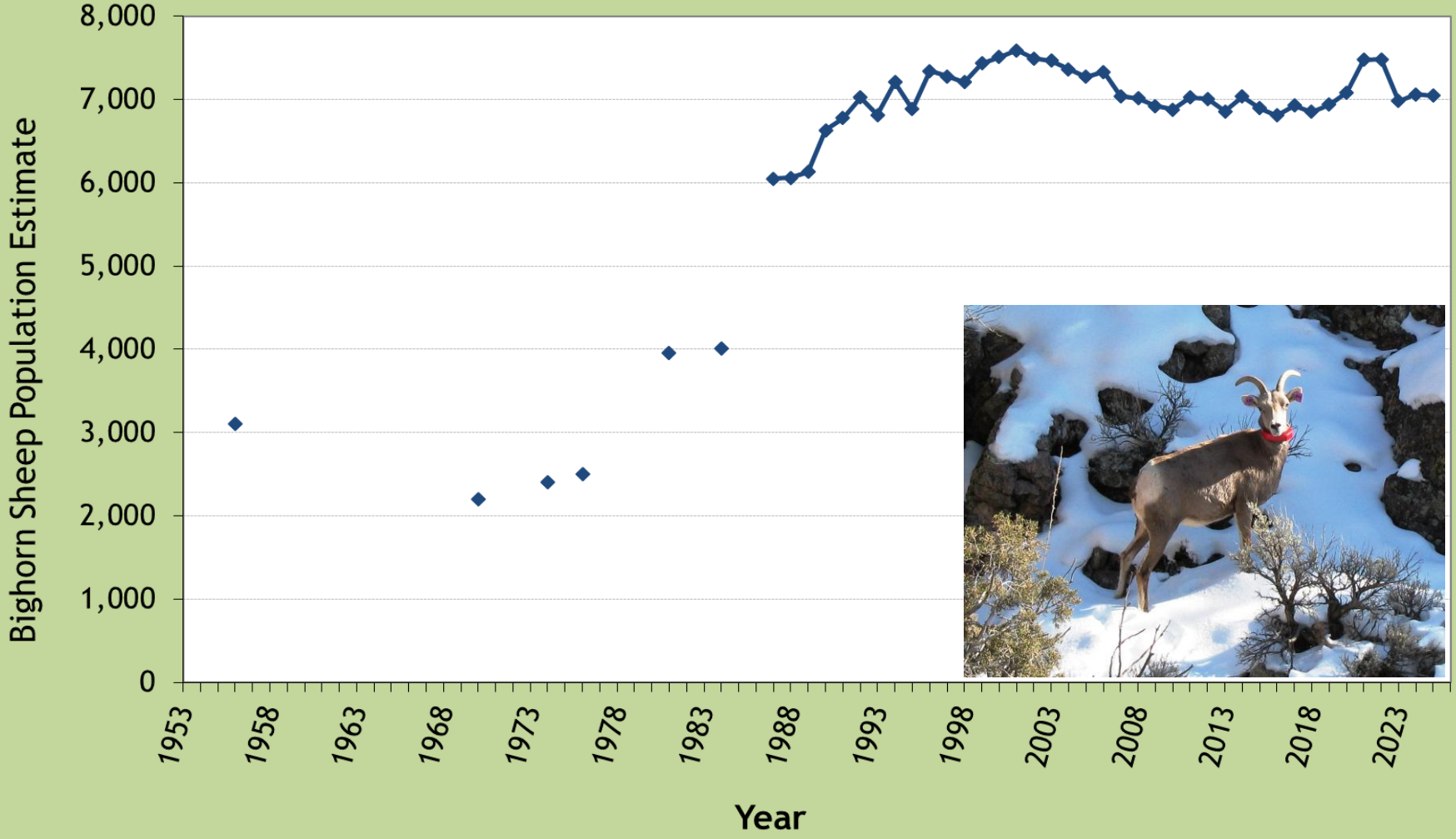
Colorado Statewide Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Population Estimates



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Desert Bighorn Sheep License Recommendations

- Recommending same number of ram licenses for 2026
- 15 ram licenses

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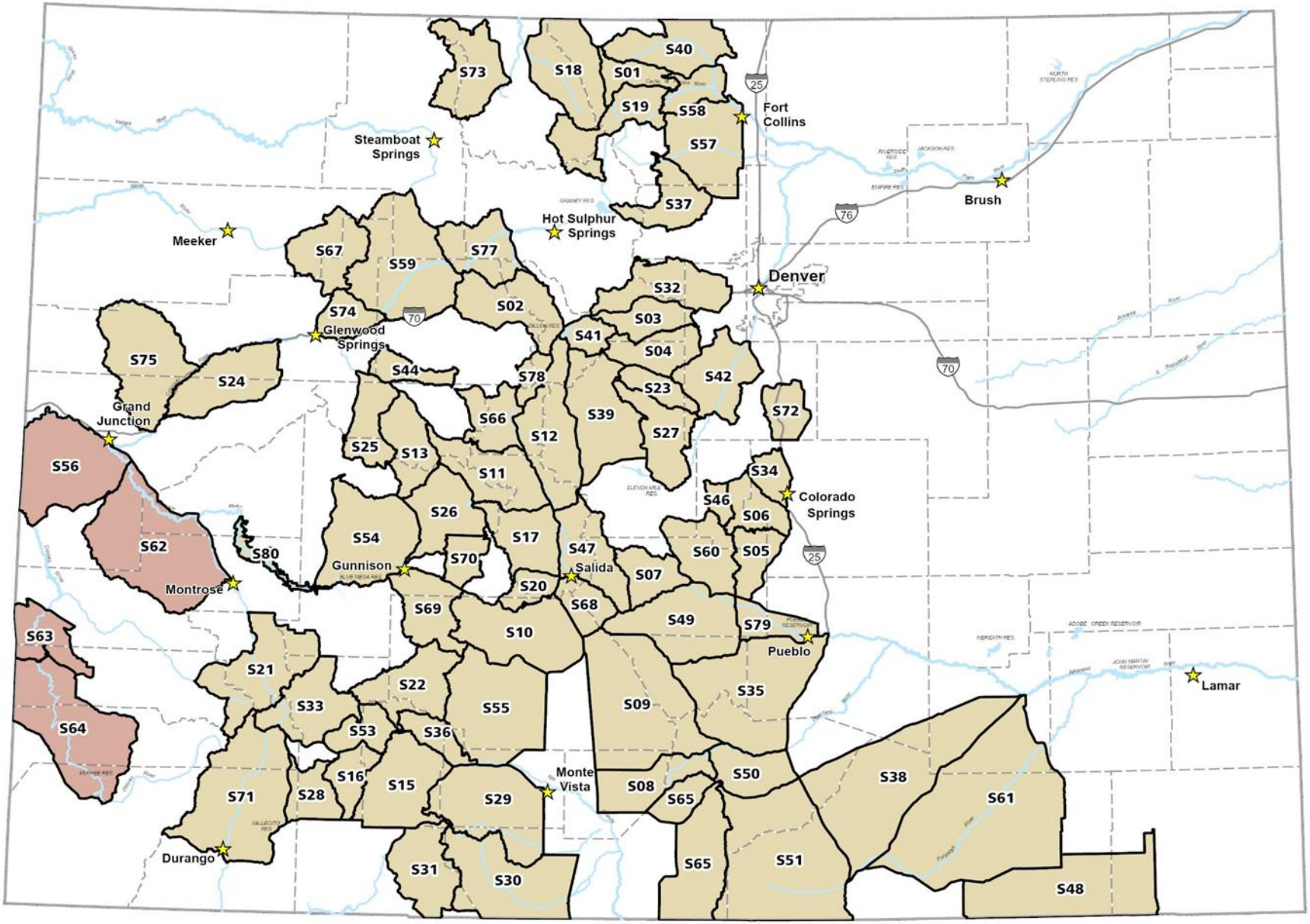

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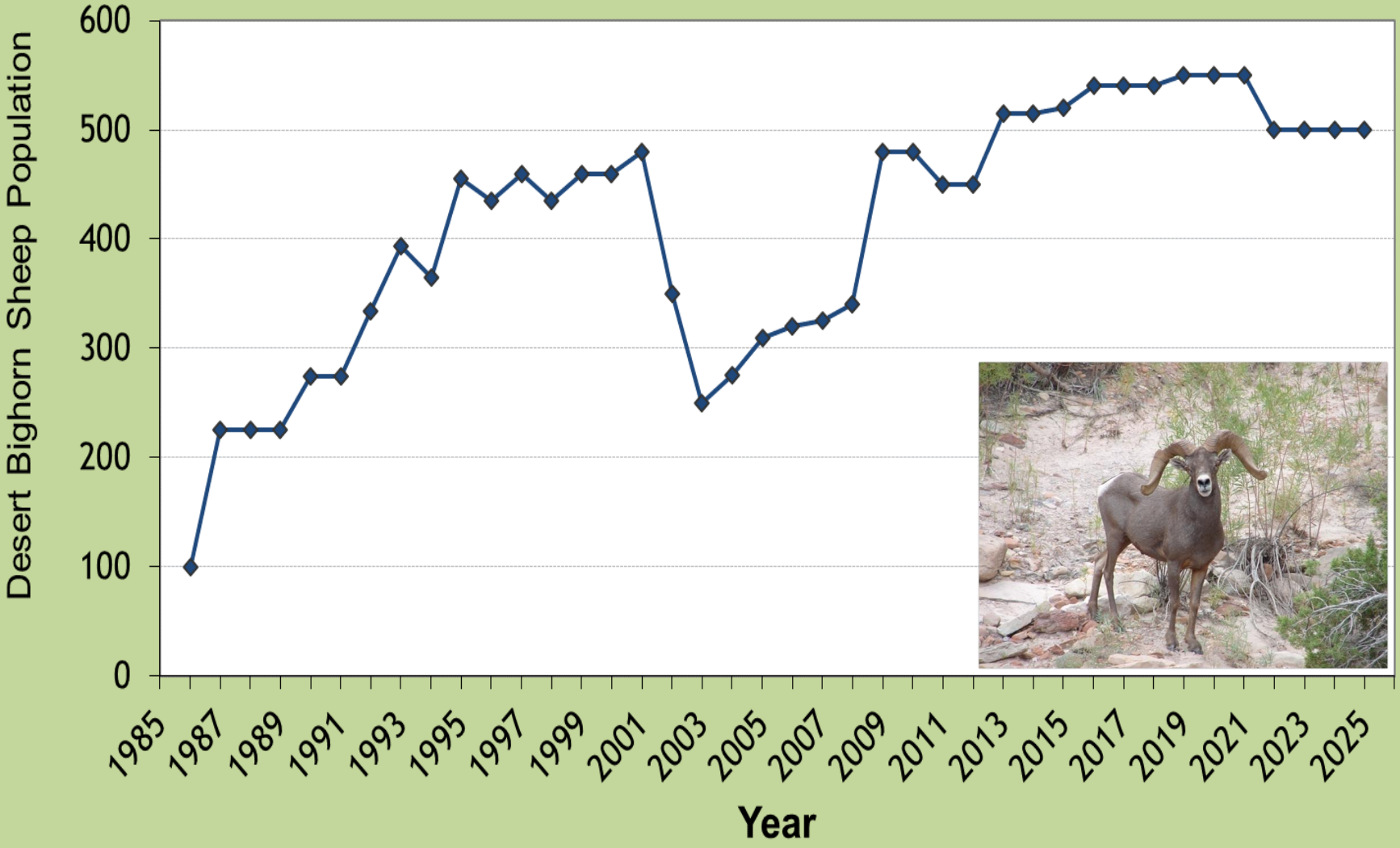

Mountain Goat License Recommendations

- Recommending a decrease of 27 licenses for 2026
- From 246 to 219 total licenses statewide
- Either-sex licenses reduced by 10, from 206 to 196
- Nanny only licenses reduced by 17, from 40 to 23

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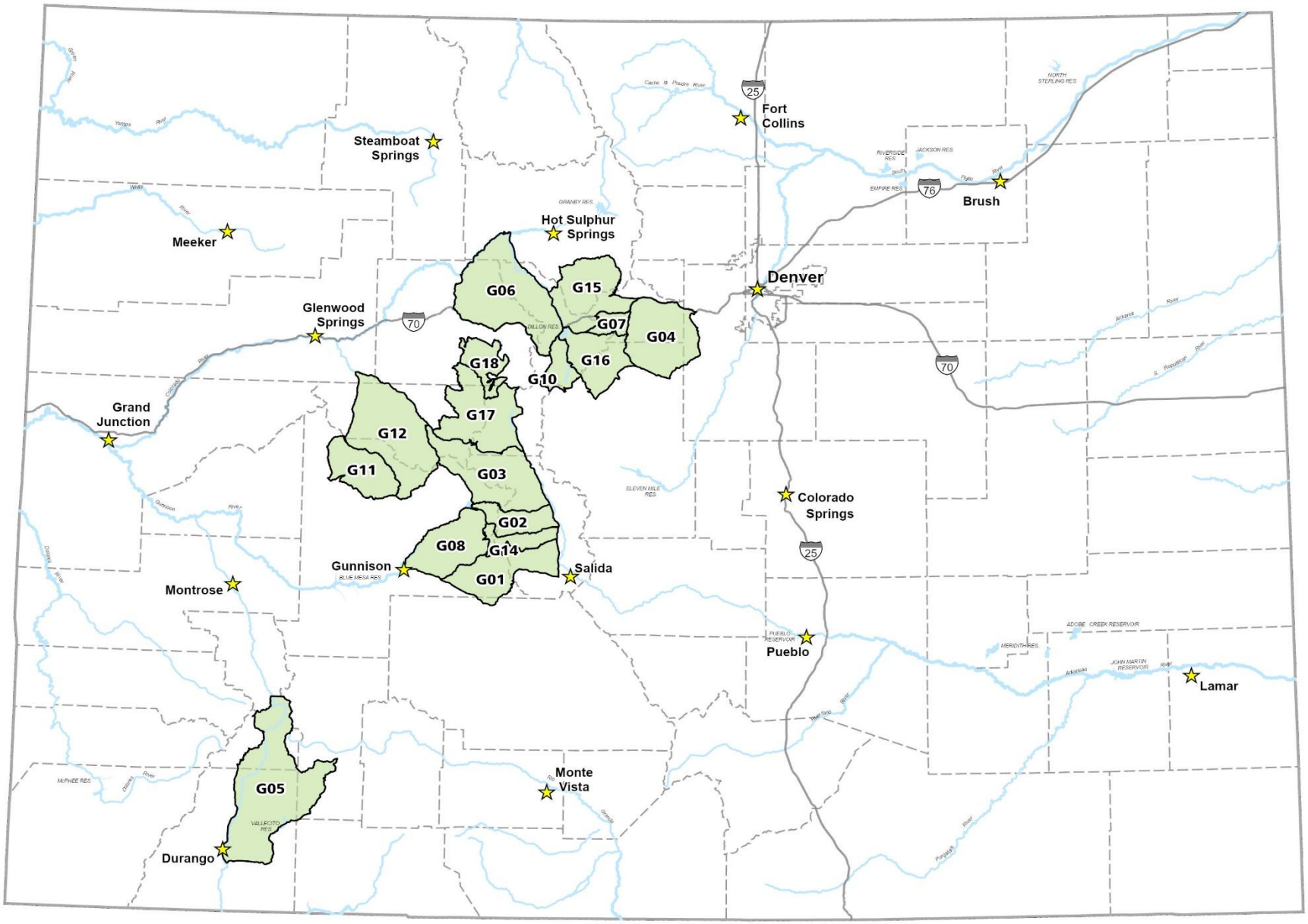

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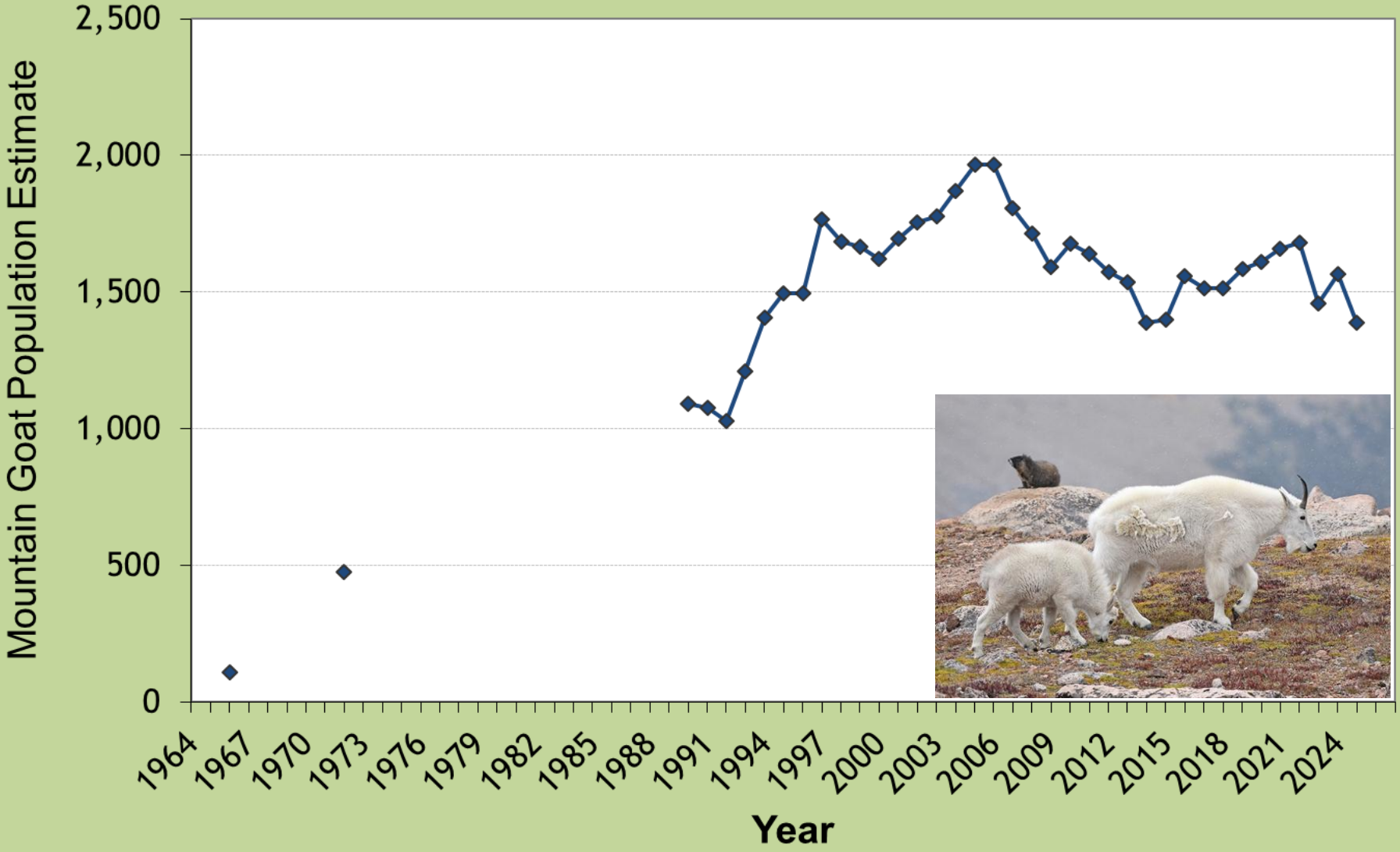

Questions and Discussion

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