

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Distribution and Abundance of Mountain Goats in Hells Canyon

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1. INTRODUCTION

The objectives of this study were to census mountain goat populations and assess distribution and trends of these populations.

2. CONCLUSION

As the goat inventories indicated the population was declining and IDFG only does inventories once every 5 years, information was lacking to make conclusions. *"The report concluded that humans don't impact goat habitat or goats other than hunting."* Fisherman hiking the trail below Hells Canyon Dam in Idaho do contact goats and may influence their feeding habits during early spring.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

Survey data is very limited, therefore limiting one's ability to assess the distribution and trends of the goat population. Without data the report is primarily opinion, very incomplete.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

The impact area below Hells Canyon Dam needs to be addressed as to cause and effect and importance to the goats total home range.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Evaluate the spring goat area below Hells Canyon Dam to its importance to the to the goats total habitat.