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Comments: I fully support and encourage the removal of mountain goats from the Olympic National Forests and Park. I personally have had several close encounters with goats that have gotten way to used to human presence. I've also talked with numerous hikers who have also experienced encounters with agressive goats. These encounters have increased considerably over the last three or four years to the point of being dangerous. My encounters have occurred on the Lake Angeles trail (on the way up to the Lake), the Buckhorn Trail at Buckhorn Pass, Lake of the Angels, Heather Park trail, Royal Basin and Upper Royal Lake, among others.

These goats are also threatening the fragile alpine and sub-alpine growth.

I do hope they can be removed in their entirety.

And finally, is there any place where I can inform the Forest Service as to my ongoing encounters with Mountain Goats over these next years as they are being removed. I do hike almost every week into the Olympics year round.

Thank You for doing this.

Bill Wise