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Increasing from Previous Year
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Table with columns: UNIT, DAU, UNIT NAME, Population Estimate (2020, 2021, 2022), Licenses (2022, 2023), Harvest (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), Harvest Rate (% of Population) (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), and UNIT. Rows list various units like S01, S18, S40, etc., with detailed population and harvest data.

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			Population Estimate					
UNIT	DAU	UNIT NAME	Estimate			Basis ♦		
			2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
S83	02	RMNP - East Side, Fall Ri./Mummy Range	75	75	75	NI	NI	NI
S83	02	RMNP - Continental Divide	100	100	100	NI	NI	NI
S83	02	RMNP - Never Summer Range	200	200	200	NI	NI	NI
S43	06	Hayman	25	25	20	NA	CGC, GAO	GAO
S76	12	Holy Cross	5	5	5	PR	PR	GAO, PR
S86	16	Cucharas canyon	30	35	30	GAO, CGC	GAO	GAO
S52	22	Rock Creek	5	5	5	GAO	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S80	29	Black Canyon	25	30	30	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	AC, GAO
S81	30	Lower Lake Fork, Gunnision Ri.	5	5	5	GAO	AC	AC, PR, GAO
S84	31	Mesa Verde	5	5	5	NI	NI	NI
S14	33	Clinetop Mesa	10	10	10	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	NI
S45	36	Cross Mountain	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	
S82	36	Cold Springs	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	
S85	36	DNM - Harper's Corner-Jone's Hole	40	40	40	GAO	GAO	
S85	36	DNM - Green River-Ladore Can.	40	40	40	GAO	GAO	
S85	36	DNM - Yampa River	40	40	40	GAO	GAO	
<b>Sub-total or Average</b>			<b>605</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>655</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>6920</b>	<b>7475</b>	<b>7485</b>			

♦ Basis for population estimate (listed in order by weight)  
**MR** = Mark/Resight  
**CGC** = Coordinated Ground Count  
**AC** = Aerial Count  
**BSO** = Bait Site Observations  
**GAO** = General Agency Observation (by CPW, USFS, BLM, USGS, or NPS)  
**PR** = Public Reports (by hunters, outfitters, landowners, RMBS, etc.)  
**PM** = Population Model  
**NI** = No Information Available.  
**O** = Other

- Notes:
- 1 S01 licenses are also valid in S18.
  - 2 Animals in this unit are moving back and forth across the NPS boundary in the Never Summer Range and may not be accessible to hunters.
  - 3 S26 was split into S26 and S70 in 2005.
  - 4 2005 population estimate is for both resident and migratory sheep from S06 that winter in S46.
  - 5 Accounts for 40 sheep translocated from S65 to Mt Zirkel in 2005
  - 6 Rio Grande River and Box Canyon included with S53 in 2006.
  - 7 S71 Opened to hunting in 2007.
  - 8 S55 closed to hunting beginning in 2006.
  - 9 S23 & S27 were combined for licenses in 2008 (i.e., 2 licenses good for both units combined).
  - 10 An all age die-off of the S70 herd began in Dec 2007. The 2007 population estimate is for prior to this die off.
  - 11 Unit created and opened to hunting in 2009.
  - 12 S26 license for 2008 was transferred to S?? and S26 was closed to hunting because of low sheep numbers.
  - 13 S46 license also valid in S6 in 2009.
  - 14 S47 licenses split
  - 15 S19 Ram license changed to either-sex for 2022 hunting season