

Examining the DNA for evidence of breeding between mountaintop sheep populations.



How would a highway running through two sheep populations affect their mating habits?



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Mountains**

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Peak**

**Granite  
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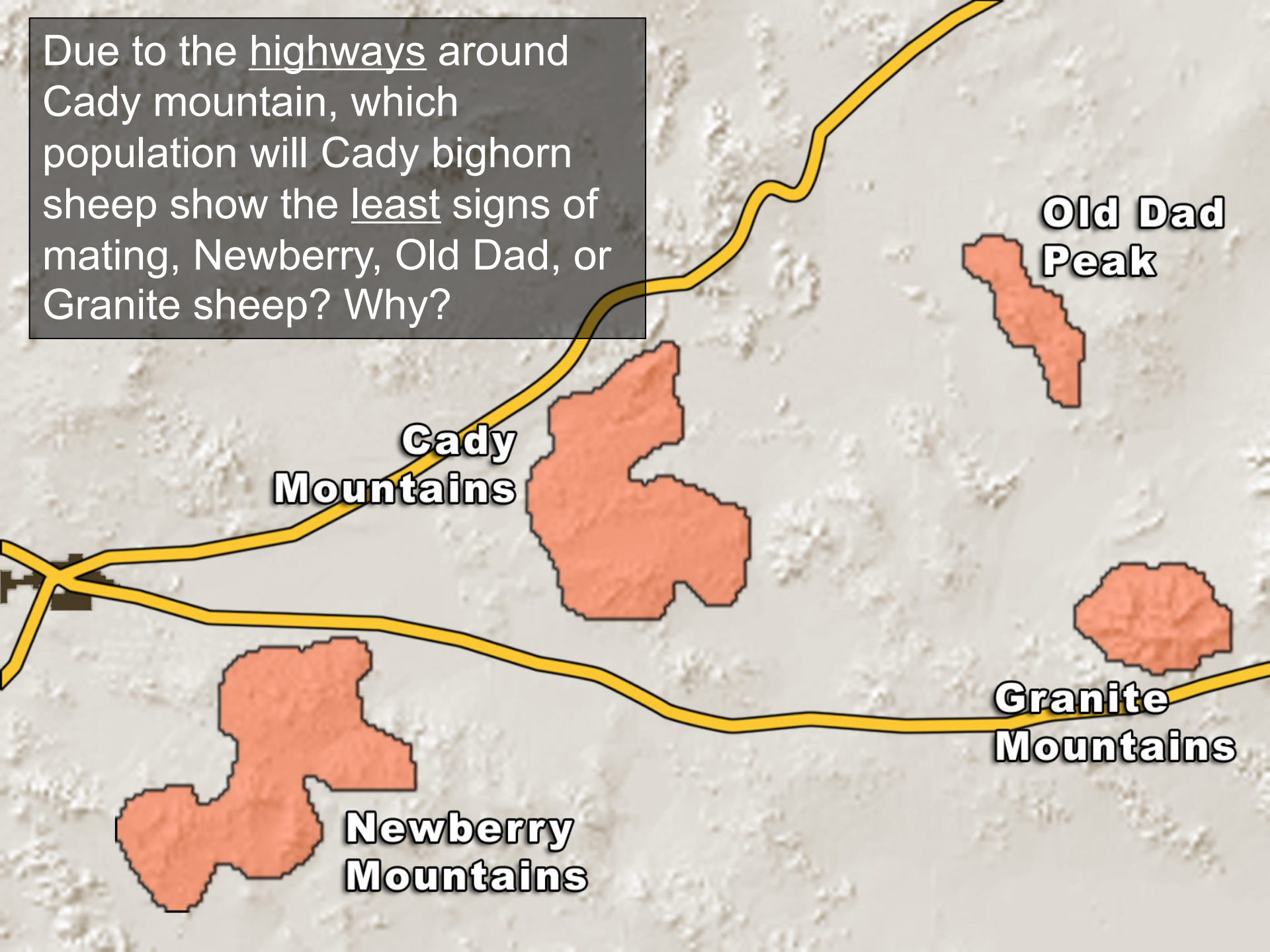
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Answer: Newberry  
Why? It is the closest.

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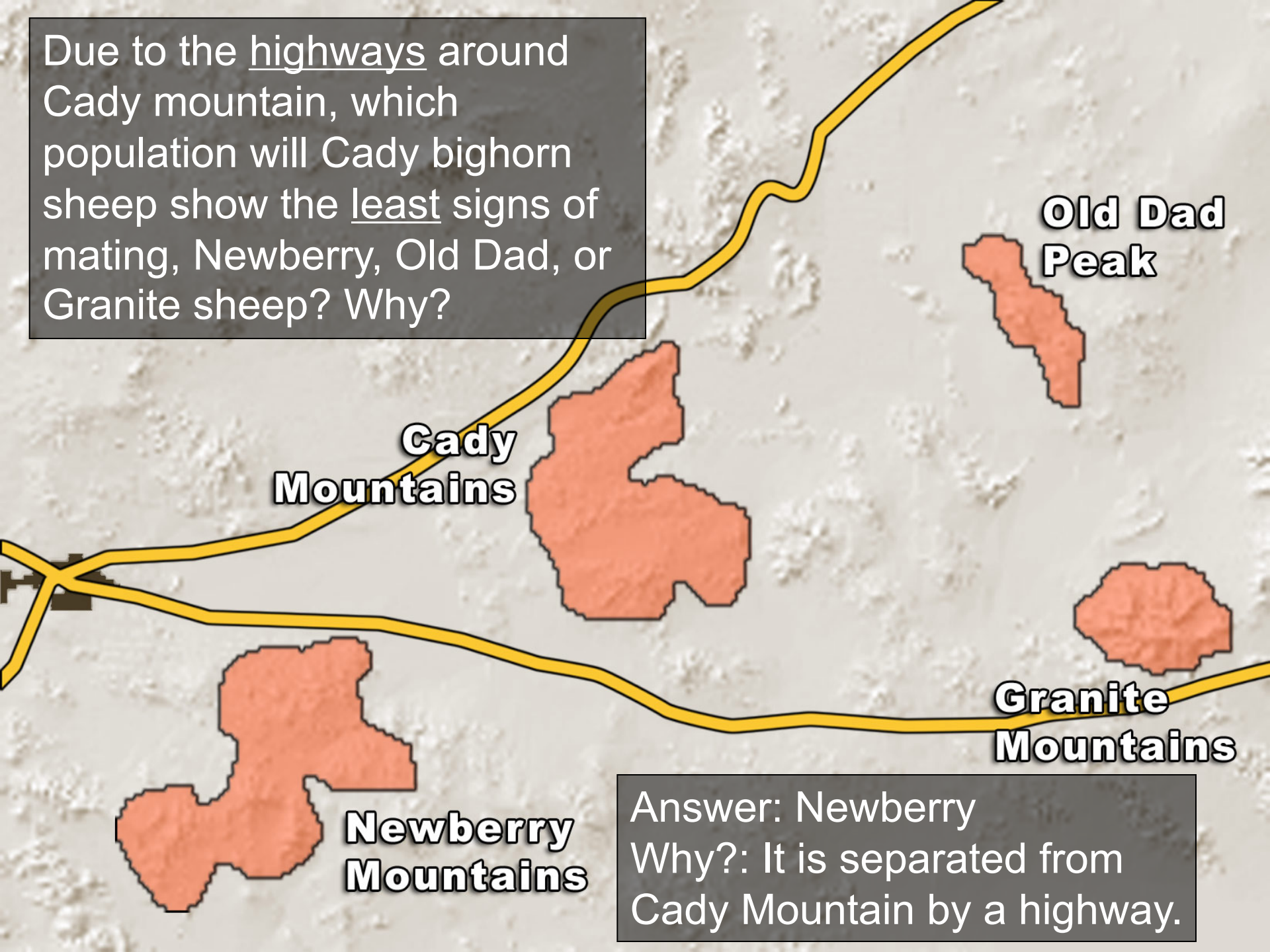
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Answer: Newberry  
Why?: It is separated from  
Cady Mountain by a highway.

# Instructions for Analysis

## STEP 1:

- a. Use a metric ruler to measure the minimum distance in millimeters between mountain tops.
- b. Based on these measurements, predict which populations will have the highest level of inter-breeding.

## STEP 2:

Then use the genetic data (arrows), draw double-headed arrows to connect populations to signify the documented level of breeding between populations. More arrows show more connection, i.e., more breeding; fewer arrows show less connection, i.e., less breeding.

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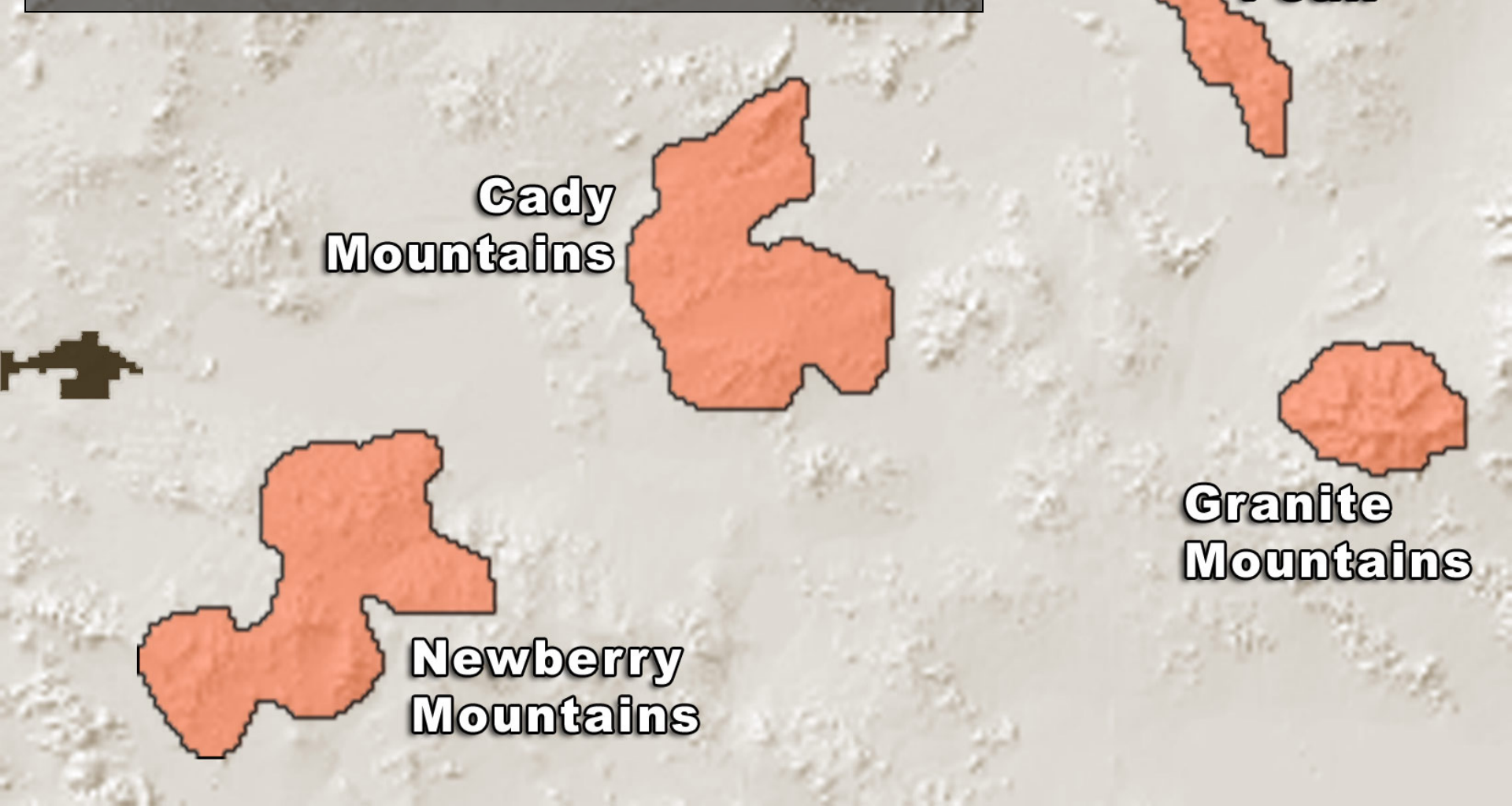




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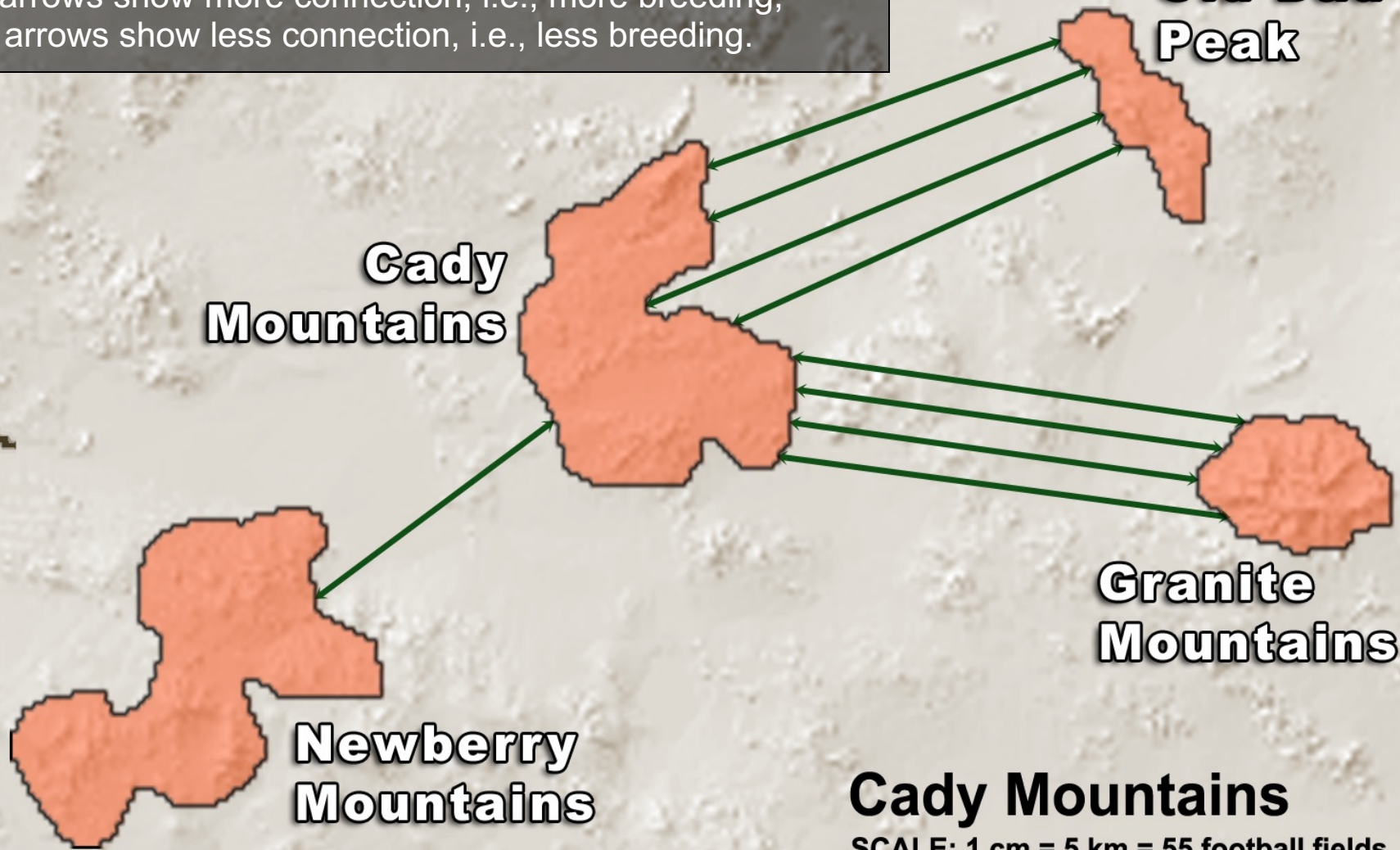
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SCALE: 1 cm = 5 km = 55 football fields



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Where would you put the highway?

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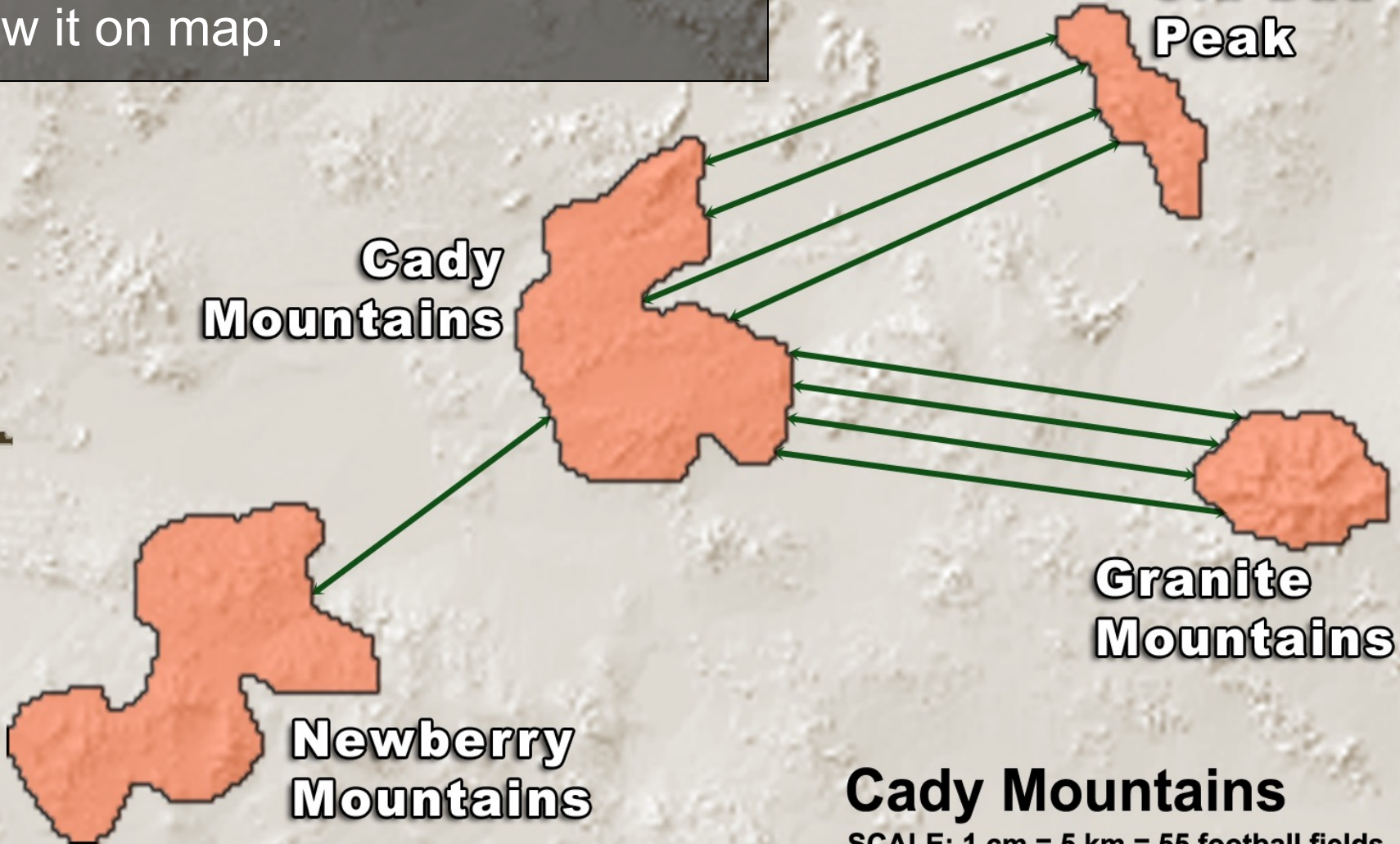
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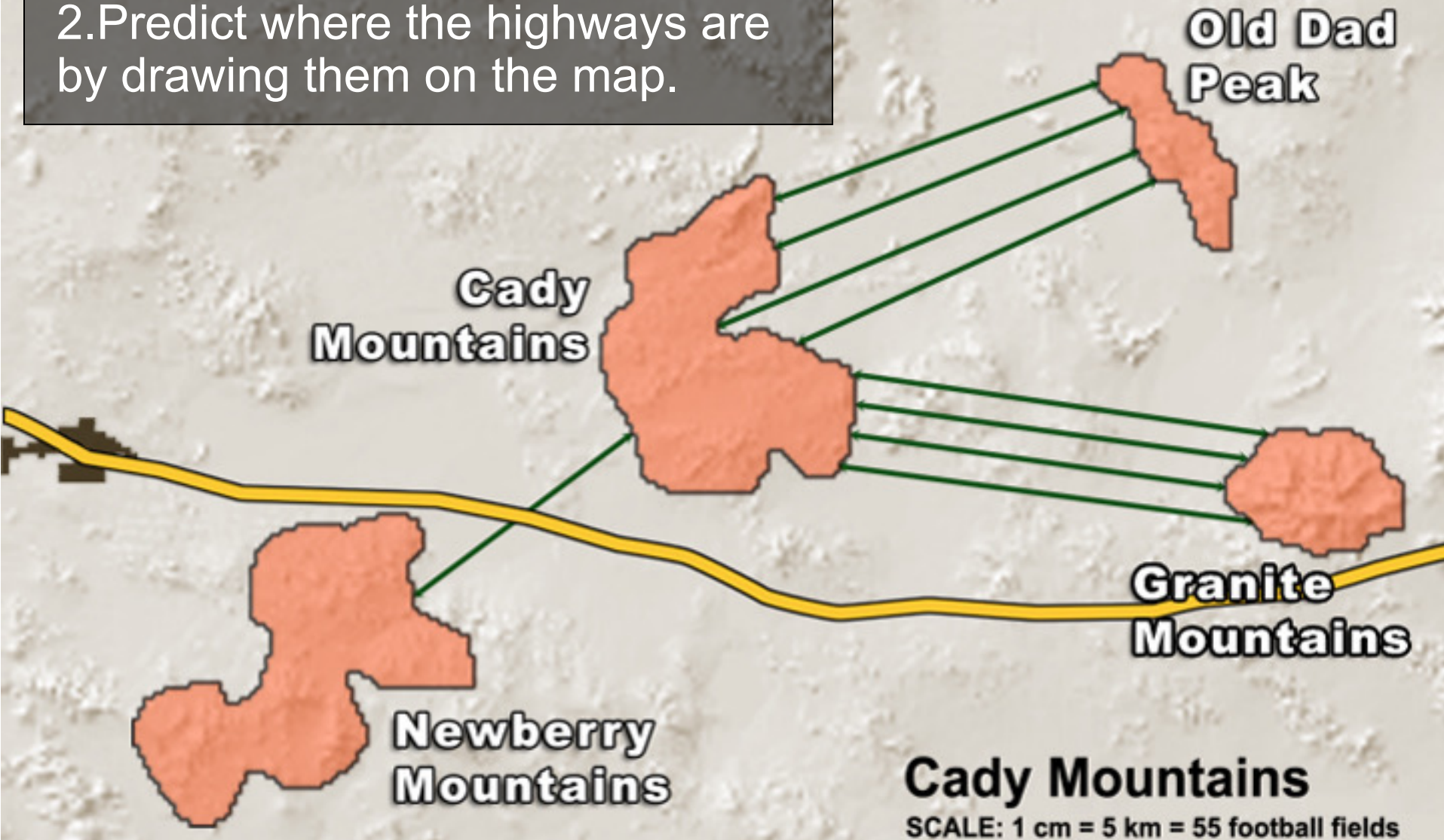
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### STEP 3:

1. Answer questions to compare your results from step 1 and step 2.
2. Predict where the highways are by drawing them on the map.



After completing your analysis, transfer your data onto this overview map. Draw lines that signify the genetic data and draw highways based upon those line data.



# Highways

LOS ANGELES

LAS VEGAS

Clark

Indian Spring

Piute Range

Wood

Hackberry

Old Dad

Providence

Cady

Granite

Clipper

Newberry

South Bristol

Marble

Cushenbury

San Gabriel

San Geronio

Little San Bernardino

Eagle-Lost Plains

Eagle-Buzzard Spring

Orocopeia



**KEY**

-  BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATIONS
-  URBAN AREAS
-  ROADS