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N. Fork Katlian River Area Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – Based on aerial surveys, historical harvest and vulnerability to goats in this area, biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 4 male mountain goats or 1 female goat allowed for the N. Fork of the Katlian River Area portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). As of Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 2 male goats and 1 female goat have been harvested. Because the female guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close this area to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, Friday, August 29, 2014. This emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long term negative effects on this goat population.

Emergency Order 01-04-14 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, August 29, 2014 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4, Baranof Island, not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka area wildlife office at (907) 747-5449.

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