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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TAKSHANUK MOUNTAINS TO GOAT HUNTING

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are announcing an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season (RG023) in the Takshanuk Mountain Range, east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, west of Chilkoot Lake and River, and north to Goat Hollow.

A combination of a high female harvest during the 2014 goat hunting season (5 nannies= 10 points), and a low number of goats observed during a September 2014 aerial survey (132 total goats (107 adults, 25 kids) resulted in a guideline harvest objective of 5 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of October 5, 2015, 5 goats have been harvested in this area, including 4 males goat (4 points) and 1 female goats (2 points) for a total of 6 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest and because the guideline harvest objective has been met an emergency order (01-08-15) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains.

Effective at **11:59 p.m., Tuesday October 6, 2015**, the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains, south from Goat Hollow to Tukgahgo Mountain is closed to goat hunting.

Hunters are reminded that the northern portion of the Takshanuk Mountains, from Goat Hollow through Klutshah Mountain, and the remainder of GMU 1D, except for those areas previously closed by emergency order, remain open for mountain goat hunting.

If you have any questions about this closure, please call Carl Koch at ADF&G in Douglas at 465-4329.

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