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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.

Based on survey information collected on September 24, 2015, a guideline harvest objective of 8-9 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of Monday October 3, 2016, 6 goats have been harvested in this area, including 4 male goats (4 points) and 2 female goats (4 points) for a total of 8 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest, and because the guideline harvest level set by ADF&G has been met, an emergency order (01-10-16) 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 4, 2016**, the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains, south from Goat Hollow to Tukgahgo Mountain is closed to goat hunting.

Hunters are reminded that the remainder of GMU 1D, except for those areas previously closed by emergency order, remain open for mountain goat hunting.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting in Unit 1D can contact Carl Koch in the Douglas Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 465-4329.

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