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N. Fork Katlian River Area Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 4 males or 1 female mountain goat allowed for the N. Fork of the Katlian River Area portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). High harvests of goats in this area in previous years have prompted this conservative harvest strategy. As of Thursday, October 13, 2011, 4 male goats have been harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 pm, Friday, October 14, 2011. The 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.

An Emergency Order (01-15-11) was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, October 14, 2011 @ 11:59 pm.

Unless previously closed by Emergency Order, all other Unit 4 mountain goat regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order (01-15-11). For additional information, please contact the Sitka office at (907) 747-5449.

