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Blackerby Ridge to Salmon Creek Reservoir Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1C

(Juneau) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG014, for that portion of Unit 1C between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000 foot contour and east to Observation Peak.

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2014 in the area between Blackerby Ridge and the Salmon Creek Reservoir resulted in low goat counts; a total of 22 goats were observed (17 adults, and 5 kids). A combined guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000 foot contour and east to Observation Peak. As of Tuesday, October 2, 2018, one male goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 1 point. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-13-18) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

An Emergency Order (01-13-18) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in this area on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @ 11:59 pm.

The remaining area of registration mountain goat hunt RG014, and all other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1C remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.