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Advisory Announcement

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AREA BETWEEN EAST FORK OF THE SKAGWAY RIVER AND CANADIAN BORDER CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) –The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG024 mountain goat hunt in Unit 1D near Skagway, Alaska. An emergency order (01-12-21) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side at **11:59 P.M., on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.**

Based on aerial survey results, a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. As of Tuesday, September 21, 2021, two male mountain goats have been harvested for a total of 2 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and goats in this area are vulnerable to overharvest, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by emergency orders will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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