

2-22-18

Alaska Board of Game

Re: Proposal 123, Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area

On 2-21-18 I Alysia White saw that the Board of Game amended proposal 123 to allow motorized vehicles on the Maclaren Summit trail.

I wanted to let you know that the Copper Basin AC met on the original proposal on Jan. 23, 2018. Please see AC09. We voted 7-0 in support of the proposal as written by Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

I Alysia White have called and spoken to 8 (including myself) of the 12 seated members of the Copper Basin AC this morning 2-22-18 starting 9 am this morning. The following is a list of members I was able to contact: Christopher Gene, Don Horrell, Nicholas Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin and Bradley Sinyon. I left voice message for three members and one member has a phone going to fax.

All 8 of us (listed above) do not support allowing motorized vehicles to use the Maclaren Summit Trail. The proposal as written was very clear to us that it was clarifying that the Maclaren Summit Trail falls within the Clearwater Controlled Use area and that NO motorized vehicle would be allowed on that trail for hunting.

To us this was a house keeping proposal to clarify the boundaries of the Clearwater Controlled Use area. Hunters in the field were confused by the description of the Clearwater Controlled Use area as originally written (west of and including the Maclaren River Drainage). The Maclaren Summit Trail falls within the Maclaren River Drainage, but hunters have different interpretations of where a drainage is and there was some confusion especially with new hunters hunting the area. Fish and Game Glennallen Office have put up signs telling hunters that the Maclaren Summit trail actually falls within the drainage and thus hunters cannot use it if accessing with motorized vehicle. This proposal clarifies for hunters that the Maclaren Summit trail is within the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use area.

I ask that you revisit this proposal. Remove your amendment (to allow motorized vehicles on the Maclaren Summit) to it. As amended through a phone vote of 8 members (named above) on the Copper Basin AC would vote 0-8 in opposition to proposal as amended.

If nothing else I would ask that you leave the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use area as originally written (with it being closed to motorized vehicles for hunting with original boundaries) and have the proposal 123 go back out for public comment if you feel it was not clear as to how it was written.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Alysia White (Just for note I am the Chair of the Copper Basin AC) I also gave public testimony for the Copper Basin AC and said that we support proposal 123 as written by Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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