

PROPOSAL 127

5 AAC 92.540(3)(F). Controlled use areas.

Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A as follows:

(F) the Wood River Controlled Use Area:

- (i) the area consists of that portion of Unit 20(A) starting at the point where Snow Mountain Gulch Creek meets the Wood River, then bounded on West by the East bank of the Wood River, following the Wood River upstream to its headwaters, then following the Glacier East to the divide separating drainages flowing East (such as the West Fork Little Delta River) and those flowing west (such as: Virginia Creek, Kansas Creek, Chute Creek, Rodgers Creek, Sheep Creek, Glacier Creek, and Three mile Creek), then following the divide North to the South bank of Snow Mountain Gulch Creek drainage, then following west down Snow Mountain Gulch Creek drainage to its intersection with the Wood River.

- (ii) the area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle, except aircraft, for big game hunting, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game, from August 1 through September 30; however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access via, or transportation of game on, the Parks Highway, or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I ask the Alaska BoardGame to change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area to allow the use of motorized vehicles in a larger area of Unit 20A. Currently there is a tremendous amount of motorized (ATV/UTV) hunting pressure in the Rex Dome and Rex Trail area, which is condensed and localized by the current controlled use boundaries. Opening more of this area would alleviate some pressure in the front end of this zone, and disperse the harvest deeper into Unit 20A. I propose the current non-motorized controlled use area boundary be pushed back to east/south of the Wood River.

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