

PROPOSAL 201

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B as follows:

5 AAC 92.540(5)

(A) the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area:

(i) the area consists of Unit 17(B);

(ii) the area is closed to the use any motorized vehicles for **guided hunters hunting** big game, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game from August 1 through November 1, except that the use of an aircraft or a boat is not prohibited, and a motorized vehicle in a legally permitted hunting camp is not prohibited;

(iii) hunters with a RM 583 or RC 503 permit may use motorized vehicles no bigger than 1800 lbs to hunt big game in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use area: from August 1 through November 1.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Access to the area is closed to big game motorized hunting. Resident hunters can access the same area with motorized vehicles for small game, waterfowl and berries but if they see a moose or caribou hunters are not allowed to harvest big game. Only hunters who have access to planes can hunt off the river corridor which discriminates against subsistence gatherers, handicapped, and resident hunters. Subsistence hunters on a RM583 or a RC503 who live on the river don't have the resources to hunt by airplane.

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