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### **Registration Goat Hunt RG 230 near Cordova Closes**

**Cordova-** Registration permit hunt RG230 for mountain goats in Unit 6C will close at 11:59 p.m. on October 19 by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG230 which includes that portion of Unit 6C east of Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of Glacier River, and north of the Copper River Highway.

The most recent survey for goats in registration permit area RG230 found 114 goats. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 5 goat units. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the mountain goat population. According to Cordova Area Biologist Charlotte Westing, the harvest is currently at 2 billies, 1 nanny and 1 of unknown sex. Hunters are currently in the field, and therefore it is likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent an unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG230 in Unit 6C. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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