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# Berners/Lace Ridge and East Fork of the Lace River North Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG013, for that portion of Unit 1(C) between the Berners and Lace Rivers including the east fork of the Lace River north to the Unit 1(C) border.

Based on aerial survey information collected in September 2015 a guideline harvest of 1-2 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the area. As of Monday, October 31, 2016, the reported harvest is 1 female for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goat in the area and because the guideline harvest has been met, managers consider it necessary to close this season early to prevent additional harvest in the area described above.

**An Emergency Order (01-21-16) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in this area on Tuesday, November 1, 2016@ 11:59 pm.**

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1(C) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

Please call the Douglas Area office at (907) 465-4265 for more information.

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