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North Fork Katlian River Area Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 4 male or 1 female mountain goat allowed for the North Fork of the Katlian River Area portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). High harvests of goats in this area in previous years have prompted this conservative harvest strategy. As of Monday, December 23, 2013, 2 male goats and 1 nanny have been harvested. Because the female guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 pm, Tuesday December 24, 2013. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

Emergency Order 01-12-13 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 @ 11:59 pm.

Unless previously closed by emergency order, all other Unit 4 mountain goat regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by Emergency Order 01-12-13. For additional information, please contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.

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