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# PARTIAL CLOSURE OF TAKSHANUK RIDGE TO GOAT HUNTING (RG025)

(Juneau) – Based on an aerial survey conducted on September 7, 2015, a guideline harvest level of 3 points (male goat=1 point, female goat=2 points) was established for the new RG025 youth hunt on the Takshanuk Mountains from the northwest saddle of Mount Tukgagho to the city of Haines. As of Tuesday, October 4, 2016, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Haines has recorded 2 female goats harvested for a total of 4 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area and because the guideline harvest limit has been reached an emergency order (01-12-16) has been issued to close the RG025 resident youth mountain goat hunting season in Tukgagho Mountain area effective at **11:59 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2016.**

Hunters are reminded that the remainder of GMU 1D, except for those areas previously closed by emergency order, remain open for mountain goat hunting. Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats in order to allow for higher sustainable harvest.

If you have any questions about this closure, please call Carl Koch at ADF&G in Haines at 766-2830 or Douglas at 465-4329.

