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AREA BETWEEN EAST FORK OF THE SKAGWAY RIVER AND KASIDAYA CREEK CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) –The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG024 mountain goat hunt near Skagway, Alaska. An emergency order (01-04-12) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area south of the East Fork of the Skagway River to Kasidaya Creek at 11:59 P.M., on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

The system used to monitor the goat harvest counts female goats as 2 points, and male goats as 1 point. The allowable harvest for this area is 1-2 points. As of Tuesday afternoon, September 18, 2012 two male goats (2 points) have been harvested.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions. Please consult your Alaska Hunting Regulations for descriptions of hunt areas, boundaries, and season dates. For additional information concerning mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1D contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 465-4266 or (907) 465-4265.