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## Twentymile River Mountain Goat Hunt RG868 Closes in Unit 14C

(Anchorage) – Registration permit hunt RG868 for mountain goats in the Twentymile River Area (Game Management Unit 14C) will close at one minute before midnight on October 1, 2016, by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Area Wildlife Biologist Dave Battle said 5 mountain goats were reported taken as of September 30 from a population of approximately 135 animals. To maintain the population objective of at least 500 goats in GMU 14C that will sustain an annual harvest of 25 goats, comprising at least 60% males, harvest from this area should not exceed 6 goat units. The Twentymile area is managed with separate registration hunts for resident and non-resident hunters. Five of the total goat units are allotted for residents holding permit RG868. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Currently, there have been 5 goat units harvested by resident hunters from the Twentymile drainage, and there are hunters currently in the field. To ensure that the quota for RG868 is not exceeded, this hunt will close at 11:59 pm on October 1, 2016.

For more information concerning these registration hunts, contact Area Wildlife Biologist David Battle at (907) 267-2185 or Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist Cory Stantorf at (907) 267-2811.

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