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## **Goat Hunt Closes West of Scott Glacier**

(Cordova) - Registration permit hunt RG232 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6C will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on October 20. The hunt area includes that portion of Unit 6C west of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway.

The last aerial survey conducted found a minimum count of 317 goats in registration permit area RG232. The maximum allowable state harvest is 12 goat units. The current reported harvest is ten billies and one nanny; each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as one and one-half (1.5) goat units. Hunters currently remain in the field and it's likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG232 in Unit 6C. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.