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

(Juneau) – A guideline harvest objective of 2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the portion of the Takshanuk Mountains from the saddle on the northwest side of Mount Tukgahgo to the city of Haines. As of Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at least one male goat has been taken with another goat reported harvested for a total of at least 2 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and other hunters are in the field an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the Tukgahgo Mountain area at 11:59 pm on Sunday, September 16, 2018. 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.

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 Douglas at 465-4329.

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