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Change to permit availability for Unit 23 moose hunt RM880

Moose permits for the RM880 any bull registration moose permit hunt are normally available in-person from license vendors within GMU 23 during June 1 to July 15. Hunters obtain permits by travelling to Kotzebue or other Unit 23 communities by commercial or private aircraft.

Covid-19 related travel restrictions have complicated RM880 permit issuance, particularly for hunters living outside Unit 23. The Department made several adjustments to permit issuance to ease the burden on hunters while continuing the spirit of historic RM880 permit issuance.

- 1) The Department will issue permits at the Alaska Airlines terminal in Kotzebue for hunters who chose to fly to Kotzebue to obtain a permit. Hunters should contact the Kotzebue office prior to their arrival since staff are not permanently stationed at the airport. Please call 907-442-3420 for more information.
- 2) The Department will issue permits to hunters who travel other Unit 23 communities. Since many rural communities prohibit visitors from entering their community without permission related to Covid-19 travel mandates, hunters can still land at the community airport and take a picture of themselves at the airport and submit it to the Department. Please call 907-442-3420 for more information. A permit will then be mailed to you.

Please contact the following staff for additional information:

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