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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## TAKHINSHA RANGE CLOSED TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING BETWEEN CANADIAN BORDER AND GARRISON GLACIER(RG026)

(DOUGLAS)-Due to a decline in the number of goats observed during aerial surveys, the area bounded by the Canadian Border on the west, the Tsirku and Takhin Rivers on the north, the Kicking Horse River/Garrison Glacier on the east, and Glacier Bay National Park on the south (see map below) is closed to mountain goat hunting. An emergency order (01-04-21) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Biologists observed 63 goats (54 adults, 9 kids) during an aerial survey conducted on September 28, 2016. Subsequent surveys have resulted in lower numbers of observed goats. On September 17, 2019, under conditions similar to the fall 2016 survey, 54% fewer goats (25 adults, 4 kids) were observed. On September 5, 2020 a total of 29 goats (25 adults, 4 kids) nearly identical to the number of goats observed in 2019. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, an emergency order (01-04-21) is being issued.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by emergency orders, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

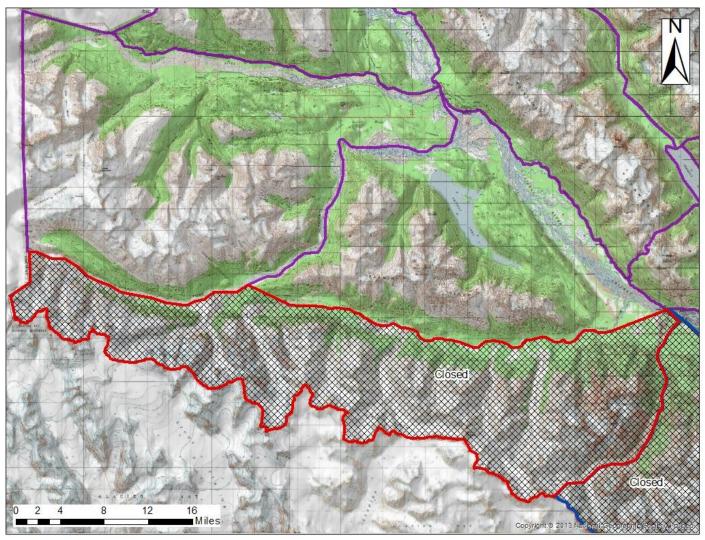
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