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No-Hunt Corridor on Taylor Highway for Fortymile Caribou Hunt

In Game Management Unit 20E

(Tok) –A no-caribou-hunting corridor along a portion of the Taylor Highway is being implemented effective at 12:00 AM August 27, 2022 and will remain in effect until the RC860 state caribou hunt closes in Zone 3 (areas accessible from the Taylor Highway) or until caribou become less abundant within the zone. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is requesting the public refrain from caribou hunting within 100 feet from either side of the road, including the drivable surface of the road, in the portion of Unit 20E between mileposts 75.3 (South Fork Bridge) and 117.2 (Alder Creek Bridge) of the Taylor Highway, and along the entire length of the Top of the World Highway (Boundary Cutoff). The intent of the corridor is for any hunter, as well as caribou the hunter is pursuing, to be a minimum of 100 feet away from the edge of the road before the hunter attempts to harvest a caribou. In addition, the existing prohibition of shooting on, from, or across the driveable surface of any constructed road or highway will be strictly enforced.

In 2017, the Board of Game directed ADF&G to implement a no-caribou-hunting corridor within this portion of Unit 20E to address safety and conservation issues. These issues included hunters shooting parallel to highways (particularly on or near curves) and in areas with houses and campgrounds, and wounding loss of caribou from hunters shooting into groups of caribou from the edge of the roadway. Since 2017, ADF&G has implemented the no-hunt corridor when the herd has approached and/or crossed the road within the specified area during the fall hunting season.

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