

State restricted areas:

1 Denali State Park: in Unit 13E within Denali State Park, **hunting bears over bait prohibited.** Weapon and off-road vehicle restrictions exist. Contact Alaska State Parks, Mat-Su Region at (907) 745-3975.

2 Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area:

Area: north of Denali Hwy, west of a boundary 100 feet east of the length of the Maclaren Summit trail that starts from the Denali Highway and heads north, and including the Maclaren River drainage, east of and including the eastern bank drainages of the Susitna River downstream from and including the Susitna Glacier, and the eastern bank of the Susitna River, **is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of game, except for brown/grizzly bears, wolves, and small game from Mar 15 through June 30;** however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access, or transportation of game, on the Denali Hwy and adjacent highway vehicle parking areas.

3 Sheep Mountain Closed Area: bounded by a line from Caribou Creek (Mi 107 Glenn Hwy) then easterly along the Glenn Hwy to Mile 123, then north to Squaw Creek, then downstream to Caribou Creek, then down Caribou Creek to the point of beginning, **is closed to taking sheep or goats.**

4 Paxson Closed Area: the eastern drainage of the Gulkana River lying west of the Richardson Hwy (between MP 182 and MP 185.5) and the western drainage of the Gulkana River between the Denali Hwy (between MP 0 and MP 4.7) and the north end of Paxson Lake where the Gulkana River enters Paxson Lake **is closed to taking any big game.**

5 Sourdough Controlled Use Area: bounded by a line beginning at the confluence of Sourdough Creek and the Gulkana River then northerly along Sourdough Creek to the Richardson Hwy at approx. Mile 148, then northerly along the Richardson Highway to the Middle Fork Trail at approx. Mile 170, then westerly along the trail to the Gulkana River, then southerly along the east bank of the Gulkana River to its confluence with Sourdough Creek, the point of beginning, **is closed to using motorized vehicles for hunting, including transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of game.** This does not prohibit motorized access or transportation of game on the Richardson Hwy, Gulkana River, Sourdough Creek Campground or boat launch, Sourdough and Haggard Creeks, Middle Fork, and Haggard Creek trails, or other trails designated by the department. **The pipeline access road is not a designated trail.**

6 Tangle Lakes Archaeological District: BLM & DNR restrict off-road vehicles to designated trails between MP 16 and MP 37. BLM designated trails include: Swede Lake Trail (MP 16) – 8.7 miles paralleling district boundary and leads into Dickey Lake Trail, Landmark Gap Trail South – branches to west for 6.2 miles, and Osar Lake (MP 37) – 8.2 miles to Osar Lake. DNR designated trails include: Landmark Gap Trail North (MP 24.6) – 2.9 miles to Landmark Gap Lake, Glacier Gap to Sevenmile Lake (MP 30.5) – 3 miles to Glacier Gap Lake continuing 4.9 miles to Sevenmile Lake, & Maclaren Summit Trail (MP 37) – 2.4 miles, **this authorization does not apply to hunting in the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area.** Contact BLM (907) 822-3217 or DNR (907) 269-8503.

7 Delta Controlled Use Area: that portion in 13B north of a line from the head of Canwell Glacier down the north side of glacier and Miller Creek, along the divide separating the south side drainages of Black Rapids Glacier, including Augustana Creek. The area **is closed to motorized vehicles or pack animals for big game hunting, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of big game, from Aug 5- Aug 25.** However, this does not prohibit motorized access to the area for hunting or transportation of game on the Richardson Hwy (See Unit 20 for complete area description.)

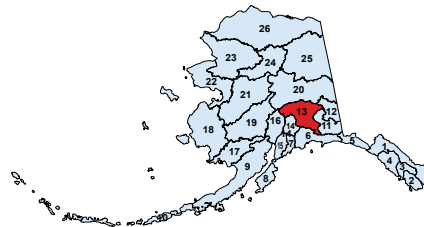
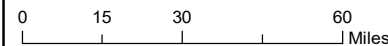
8 Tok Management Area: that portion in 13C west of the Tok-Slana cutoff (Glenn Hwy) north of the north bank of the Slana River to its confluence with Lost Creek, east of a line up the north side of Lost Creek to the divide between Lost Creek and Jack Creek to the Unit 12 boundary, the area **is open to sheep hunting by permit.** (See Unit 12 map for complete area description.)

9 Tonsina Controlled Use Area: bounded on the west by the Richardson Hwy from the Tielker River to the Tonsina River at Tonsina, on the north along the south bank of the Tonsina River to where the Edgerton Hwy crosses the Tonsina River, then along Edgerton Hwy to Chitina, on the east by the Copper River from Chitina to the Tielker River, and on the south by the north bank of the Tielker River, **is closed to using motorized vehicles or pack animals for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, hunting gear, and/or parts of game, from July 26 - Sept 30.**

Unit may include National Park Service lands and federal regulations may also apply. See page 8.

Unit 13 Nelchina-Upper Susitna

Region 4



Game Management Units / Special Management Areas

Closed Areas	National Parks	Military Boundary
Controlled Use Areas	National Preserves & Other Federal Lands	Military Closure
Management Areas	Unit Boundary	Tangle Lakes Archaeological District
State Refuges, Sanctuaries, & Critical Habitat Areas	Subunit Boundary	Roads
Other State Lands	City Boundary	Railroads
		Trails

Unit 13

Nelchina-Upper Susitna

See map on page 75 for state restricted areas in Unit 13

Unit 13: That area westerly of the easternmost bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier north to the confluence with the Slana River, then along the east bank of the Slana River to Suslota Creek, and that area of the Slana River drainage north of the south bank of Suslota Creek; the drainages into the Delta River upstream from Falls Creek and Black Rapids Glacier; the drainages into the Nenana River upstream from the southeast corner of Denali National Park at Windy; the drainage into the Susitna River upstream from its junction with the Chulitna River; the drainage into the east bank of the Chulitna River upstream to its confluence with Tokositna River; the drainages of the Chulitna River (south of Denali National Park) upstream from its confluence with the Tokositna River; the drainages into the north bank of the Tokositna River upstream to the base of the Tokositna Glacier; the drainages into the Tokositna Glacier; the drainages into the east bank of the Susitna River between its confluence with the Talkeetna and Chulitna Rivers; the drainages into the north and east bank of the Talkeetna River and including the Talkeetna River, to its confluence with Clear Creek, the eastside drainages of a line going up the south bank of Clear Creek to the first unnamed creek on the south, then up that unnamed creek to lake 4408, along the northeast shore of lake 4408, then southeast in a straight line to the northernmost fork of the Chickaloon River; the drainages into the east bank of the Chickaloon River below the line from lake 4408; the drainages of the Matanuska River above its confluence with the Chickaloon River;

Unit 13A: bounded by a line beginning at the Chickaloon River bridge at Mile 77.7 on the Glenn Highway, then along the Glenn Highway to its junction with the Richardson Highway, then east to the east bank of the Copper River, then northerly along the east bank of the Copper River to its junction with the Gulkana River, then northerly along the west bank of the Gulkana River to its junction with the West Fork of the Gulkana River, then westerly along the west bank of the West Fork of the Gulkana River to its source, an unnamed lake, then across the divide into the Tyone River drainage, down an unnamed stream into the Tyone River, then down the Tyone River to the Susitna River, then down the southern bank of the Susitna River to the mouth of Kosina Creek, then up Kosina Creek to its headwaters, then across the divide and down Aspen Creek to the Talkeetna River, then southerly along the boundary of Unit 13 to the Chickaloon River bridge, the point of beginning;

Unit 13B: bounded by a line beginning at the confluence of the Copper River and the Gulkana River, then up the east bank of the Copper River to the Gakona River, then up the east bank of the Gakona River and Gakona Glacier to the boundary of Unit 13, then westerly along the boundary of Unit 13 to the Susitna Glacier, then southerly along the west bank of the Susitna Glacier and the Susitna River to the Tyone River, then up the Tyone River and across the divide to the headwaters of the West Fork of the Gulkana River, then down the West Fork of the Gulkana River to the confluence of the Gulkana River and the Copper River, the point of beginning;

Unit 13C: Unit 13 east of the east bank of the Gakona River and Gakona Glacier; **Unit 13D:** Unit 13 south of Unit 13A; **Unit 13E:** the remainder of Unit 13.

OPEN TO:		R = RESIDENTS ONLY	B = RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	N = NONRESIDENTS ONLY	
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON
Black Bear • See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.					
B	13A, 13B, 13C, 13E	Three bears		HT	no closed season
	13D	Five bears			
Brown/Grizzly Bear					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No resident locking-tag required. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10. • See pages 24-27 for additional bear hunting information. • Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide. 					
B	13E	within Denali State Park	One bear every regulatory year		Aug 10-June 15
B	13	remainder	One bear every regulatory year		no closed season
Bison • Nonresidents can only be awarded one bison permit per lifetime.					
R	13D	east of the Edgerton Highway	One bison by permit every ten regulatory years	DI454	Sept 1-Mar 31
N			One bison by permit, per lifetime		
Caribou					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In bag limit, "caribou" means an animal of either sex. • Proxy hunting restrictions apply, see page 12. • Nelchina Herd information is available by calling (907) 267-2304. • Meat taken prior to Oct 1 in Unit 13 must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption. 					
R	13	OR	One caribou by permit per household, available only by application. Applications must have been submitted during the previous year (Nov 1-Dec 15, 2023). See Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement for details.	RC561	Aug 10-Aug 31 Oct 21-Mar 31
			One caribou by permit per household, available only by application. See Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement for details.	RC562	Sept 1-Sept 20 Oct 21-Mar 31
N	13			CC001	Aug 10-Sept 20 Oct 21-Mar 31
					no open season

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Goat						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. Taking of males is encouraged. • Information on sex identification available with permits. • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10. 						
B	13D	south of the Tielkel River and east of a line beginning at the confluence of the Tielkel and Tsina rivers	One goat by permit available in person in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, and Glennallen, or by mail from Glennallen beginning Aug 8		RG580	Sept 1-Nov 30
B	13D	remainder	One goat by permit		DG720	Aug 10-Nov 30
B	13	remainder	no open season			
Moose						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose. • Spike-fork, 50-inch antlers, and brow tines are defined on pages 30-31. • In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat. • Proxy hunting restrictions apply, see page 12. • Prior to Oct 1, meat must remain on the bones of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs until removed from the field or processed for human consumption. 						
R	13	OR	One bull by permit, available only by application. See the Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement for details		CM300	Aug 20-Sept 20
			One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		HT	Sept 1-Sept 20
			One antlerless moose by permit. However, no person may take a calf or cow accompanied by a calf		DM325	Oct 1-Oct 31 Mar 1-Mar 31
			One antlerless moose by permit. However, no person may take a calf or cow accompanied by a calf		DM327 DM329	Oct 1-Oct 31
			One bull by permit		DM348	Sept 1-Sept 20
N	13	One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side		DM335- DM339	Sept 1-Sept 20	
Sheep						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10. • See definition of full-curl horn and drawings on page 33. • Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill and horns must accompany meat from the field. 						
R	13A	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only			HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only				
R		One ram with full-curl horn or larger			HT	Aug 10-Sept 20
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years				
R	13B	within Delta Controlled Use Area	One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit		DS203	Aug 10-Aug 25
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		DS003	
R			One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit		DS204	Aug 26-Sept 20
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		DS205	
R	13B	remainder	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only		HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only			
R			One ram with full-curl horn or larger		HT	Aug 10-Sept 20
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years			
B	13C	within Tok Management Area	One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years by permit		DS102	Aug 10-Sept 20

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Mule deer and white-tailed deer may be harvested. See page 28 for more information.

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Sheep <i>continued</i>						
R	13C remainder	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only			HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only				
R		One ram with full-curl horn or larger			HT	Aug 10-Sept 20
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years				
R	13D	east of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and Mendeltna Creek to the Richardson Highway	One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit		DS165	Aug 10-Sept 20
N			One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		DS265	
R	13D	west of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and Mendeltna Creek	One ram by permit		DS160	Aug 10-Sept 20
N			One ram every four regulatory years by permit		DS060	
N			One ram every four regulatory years by permit		DS260	
R	13D remainder	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only			HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only				
R		One ram with full-curl horn or larger			HT	Aug 10-Sept 20
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years				
R	13E	One ram with full-curl horn or larger. Youth hunt only			HT	Aug 1-Aug 5
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. Youth hunt only				
R		One ram with full-curl horn or larger			HT	Aug 10-Sept 20
N		One ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years				
Wolf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill. No nonresident locking-tag required. 						
B	13	Ten wolves per day				Aug 10-Apr 30
Wolverine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill. 						
B	13	One wolverine				Sept 1-Feb 15

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Rosie Burke harvested this caribou on opening day in the Unit 13 youth hunt.