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Registration Hunt RC835 for Macomb Caribou Closes by Emergency Order

(DELTA JUNCTION) – Registration caribou hunt RC835 for Macomb caribou in Game Management Units 12 and 20D will close on Sunday, August 21, at 11:59 p.m., by emergency order.

The harvest quota of 40 bull caribou is expected to be reached by the time the emergency order goes into effect. The emergency closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest. Additional take beyond the harvest quota could harm the long-term stability of the Macomb caribou herd.

The Macomb caribou herd management objective is 600 to 800 animals. Department biologists estimate approximately 700 to 800 caribou are currently in the hunt area. The department determined earlier this summer that a conservative harvest quota of 40 bulls, down from 70 bulls last hunting season, could be allowed and still enable the herd to grow.

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