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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **FLOWER & PORCUPINE MOUNTAIN AREA CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING**

(Juneau) –The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-25-16) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Klehini River on the north, the Tsirku River south, the Canadian border west, and the Chilkat River on the east side at **11:59 P.M., on Saturday, December 10, 2016.**

Based on the fall 2015 aerial survey (60 adults, 26 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 3 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on September 28, 2016 60 adults and 20 kids were observed. As of Thursday December 8, 2016 one female goat and one male goat have been harvested for a total of 3 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions. Biologists encourage hunters to target male goats in order to allow for higher sustainable harvest in the future. For additional information concerning mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1D contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 465-4329 or (907) 465-4265.