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## TAKHIN RIDGE CLOSED TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING (RG026)

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been exceeded in that portion of unit 1D bordered by the Takhin River on the south, the Tsirku River on west and the north, and the Chilkat River on the east. An emergency order (01-20-18) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 27, 2018**.

Based on aerial survey information from September 12, 2017 (85 adults, 21 kids), a combined guideline harvest objective of 4-5 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area bordered by Takhin River on the south, the Tsirku Rivers on west and the north, and the Chilkat River on the east. As of Monday, November 26, 2018, 2 female goats, 2 male goats, and 1 unrecovered goat have been harvested in this area for a total of 6 points. Due to the vulnerability of goat in this area and because the guideline harvest level has been exceeded, an emergency order (01-20-18) has been issued effective at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

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

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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