This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D): 

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.
JUSTIFICATION:

Based on the results of aerial surveys a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. As of Tuesday, September 21, 2021, two male mountain goats have been harvested for a total of 2 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and goats in this area are vulnerable to overharvest, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

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