

**PROPOSAL 122** – **5 AAC 92.540 Controlled Use Areas.** Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area as follows:

**5 AAC 92.540(3)(B)(ii)**

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the area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of game; however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access, or transportation of game, on the Richardson Highway, **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.

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Sourdough Controlled Use Area was created in 1971 to provide moose and caribou hunting opportunities for individuals without off-road vehicles (ORVs). As competition increased for moose and caribou in the late 1960s, it became evident that there was a substantial demand for areas to hunt without having to compete with ORVs. The Sourdough Controlled Use Area provides a large hunting area accessible from the Richardson Highway where moose and caribou can be found in fair numbers and roadside or non-motorized hunters have reasonable chance for success. The Sourdough CUA was not intended to restrict hunter access to or on the Gulkana River. This proposal will clarify the legality of motorized use and access for the Sourdough Campground and the adjacent public boat launch.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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