

PROPOSAL 144 – 5 AAC 92.540 (5) (A) (ii). Controlled Use Areas. Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area as follows:

(ii) **except for the purposes of moose hunting** the area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for hunting big game, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game from August 1 through November 1, except that the use of an aircraft or a boat is not prohibited, and a motorized vehicle in a legally permitted hunting camp is not prohibited

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area is closed to the use of motorized vehicles (except aircraft and boats) for hunting big game. This includes all of Unit 17B. Currently hunters can enter the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area with a motorized vehicle to hunt ducks and other small game, however if they see a moose while in the area with their motorized vehicle they cannot shoot it. This discourages use of the area outside of the river corridor by people hunting for subsistence reasons, who do not have access to an aircraft, and favors guides, and those who do have access to aircraft.

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