

PROPOSAL 28

5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.

Change the hunt boundary from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek, for the RG014 goat hunt in Unit 1C as follows:

Unit 1C, that mainland portion draining into the south bank of Sheep Creek, Gastineau Channel south of Sheep Creek, Stephens Passage, and Taku Inlet between the mouth of Sheep Creek and Taku Glacier including the south side of Blackerby Ridge encompassed by a line from Observation Peak west along the ridgeline down to the 1,000-foot contour, east along that contour to the north shore of Salmon Creek Reservoir, north of the main drainage into the head of the reservoir following that drainage south and east up to the ridgeline and east to Olds Mountain.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the boundary line from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek for RG014. Current boundary lines for RG014 (archery only goat hunt) are confusing. The current boundary on the southeast end of the hunt area is Little Sheep Creek. But the upper watershed of Little Sheep Creek is a maze of tributaries and it is impossible to tell if you are in the legal hunt area when in the field. Changing the boundary line to the much larger watershed of Sheep Creek will connect with the existing boundary in a more logical way that matches terrain and will make navigation easier.

Changing the boundary line from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek would marginally increase the size of legal hunt area but would be much less confusing for hunters to stay within the legal boundary. This change is unlikely to substantially increase mountain goat harvest as this change only includes a small amount of additional mountain goat habitat.

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