

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of removing the motor vehicle restriction during moose season, in GMU 1B out at Thomas Bay/Point Agassiz.

I can't remember if I had sent in an email after the last board meeting about this but I just heard rumors that the 3 or 4 people who oppose this change, asked several others, who don't even moose hunt out here, to write in opposition letters. So being as I am an actual resident of 1B and not a single one of them are, I figured I'd make sure that the residents had a chance to be heard.

If these people truly were opposed to driving restrictions I wouldn't even bring it up. They have been hunting out here for 20+ years. I respect peoples hunting areas. But there isn't a single shred of science to back why we can't drive, it was just supposedly because in the 90's people were drinking and driving and shooting up hunting camps and poaching moose. I personally believe that those opposing are just trying to limit any competition.

There are maybe 30 miles of logging roads out here. There are several places that people who hunt out here, set up campers to hunt out of. They can technically drive there and then bike or hike from there to hunt.

I am a disabled Veteran and cant ride a bike. The only way I can even ride an atv is if it has power steering. Everywhere else in the state it is 100% legal for me to drive an atv, or truck, and if I see a legal bull I can step off the machine and 10' of the road and shoot it.

This is the only place in Alaska that motor vehicles aren't allowed until after you shoot the moose. It is too far for those of us who live out here to bike 15-30 miles, shoot an animal then bike all the way home then ride all the way back and start butchering. You'd be asking for wanton waste. So the local year round residents don't hunt up the roads, which is where all the moose move to in the Fall. This isn't fair to any of us. We can't go stay up the road, we have homesteads we run, animals we have to feed, elders to care for.

All we are asking is that we be allowed to hunt moose the same exact way the entire rest of the state does.

Thank you for your time,

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