

My name is Faith Nelson, and I have lived at Thomas Bay/Point Agassiz (gmu 1b) for 22 years.

The law regarding not being able to drive vehicles on the logging roads at Thomas Bay/Point Agassiz to moose hunt has become obsolete. Legal bull moose have become much more scarce, the terrain has changed considerably, and there is no conceivable reason to continue this law when it is such a focused inhibition on ONLY this area. There is nothing about this road system that is different than any other road system, warranting these additional laws to hinder hunters. The scarcity of the moose is no reason, neither is the fear it will bring in more hunters. A select few people, mostly residents and people with hunting cabins have vehicles out here.

Also, regarding the terrain change from when the law was set in place: the roads are primarily closed in by thick spruce forest making off road visibility difficult at best. To get to any decent moose hunting ground one must travel the road system and then hike regardless. It would allow easier travel for these hunts instead of wearing out a hunter just getting to the beginning of the hunt location.

Also, because of the law, prejudices and tensions have begun among hunters as the law is no longer clear. Many moose hunters arrive to Point Agassiz via boat and we see them driving along the road system from their hunting camps regularly to check on their boats. This is a blurred line regarding using a vehicle to moose hunt because it requires a 100 percent ethically and morally oriented individual to pass a legal bull moose they may happen to see along the way as well as give excuses for unscrupulous hunters.

In conclusion, I am in favor of getting rid of the law that prohibits vehicle use on the logging road system at Thomas Bay/Point Agassiz. It is no longer necessary or logical.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Faith Nelson