

## **PROPOSAL 175**

### **5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.**

Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A as follows:

Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area (WRCUA) to: “then along the Eastern bank of Dexter Creek to [THE TOTATLANIKA RIVER] **the confluence of All Gold Creek, then following a straight line to Murphy Peak, then following a straight line to the intersection of the Totatlanika River and the Ferry Trail**, and then down the east bank of the Totatlanika River to the Rex Trail.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Wood River Controlled Use Area (WRCUA) has as a portion of its boundary the Totatlanika River, from its headwaters at All Gold and Dexter Creeks to where it meets the Ferry Trail. That area has established mining trails that have been in constant use for 100 years or so. Over the years, the river’s course has changed and portions of the trail cross the river at various points, creating confusion for hunters and leading to tickets. The only alternatives for hunters are 1) to create new routes across the tundra, which is pretty hard on the tundra or 2) drive up the river, which could negatively impact the stream habitat. Please consider modifying the boundary of the WRCUA. This change would have minimal impact on the WRCUA as a whole, but would provide clarity and protect the surrounding environment by using existing trails.

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