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New Requirement for All Mountain Goat Hunters

(STATEWIDE) – Effective July 1, a new requirement from the Alaska Board of Game means all hunters planning to hunt mountain goats in Alaska must pass the *Mountain Goat Identification Quiz* prior to hunting goats in Alaska. In addition to their hunting license, permit, and locking tag if applicable, all goat hunters must carry proof of passing the quiz while in the field hunting goats.

Identifying the differences between male and female mountain goats in the field can be difficult, especially at a distance. The quiz requirement is intended to help hunters learn how to recognize these differences and avoid accidentally harvesting a female mountain goat. Harvesting female goats can have significant effects on population productivity, which can result in early closures and more restrictive regulations in future years.

The *Mountain Goat Identification Quiz* is available [online](#) and consists of 26 questions. Hunters must answer 21 questions correctly to pass the quiz.

While the statewide requirement is new, the Mountain Goat Identification quiz has been available as a resource for many years. Hunters that have previously taken the quiz and have proof of completion do not need to take it again, and hunters do not need to take the quiz annually. Hunters that have misplaced their completion card are encouraged to take the quiz again to refresh their memory and to obtain another card.

For questions about mountain goat hunting opportunities or completing the quiz, please contact the ADFG office closest to your planned hunt area:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.main>.

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