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Middle Section of Takshanuk Mountain Range Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1D

(Douglas) Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are issuing a closure (R1-13-25) to the mountain goat hunting season in a portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range; including the area east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, west of Chilkoot Lake and River, north to Goat Hollow, and south to the RG025 youth hunt area.

Based on aerial survey information, a guideline harvest level objective of 6–7 points (male goat=1 point and female goat=2 points) was established for this portion of the Takshanuk Range. There was a 1 point decrease from a guideline harvest objective of 7–8 points in regulatory year 2024 due to high nanny harvest. As of Monday, October 13, 2025, a total of 5 goats have been harvested in this area, including 3 male goats and 2 female goats, for a total of 7 points. The guideline harvest level has been met and to avoid overharvest, an emergency order (R1-13-25) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Range at 11:59 pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guideline levels are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Hannah Manninen, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.