



Advisory Announcement

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Moose Hunting Season Closure Unit 5A West of the Dangerous River

(Douglas) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the United States Forest Service announce an early closure of the moose hunting season in that portion of Game Management Unit 5(A) west of the Dangerous River but not including Nunatak Bench. The hunt in this area is managed under joint state and federal registration permit RM061.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game established the 2026 harvest objective at 30 bull moose for the portion of the Yakutat Forelands west of the Dangerous River. As of Friday, October 16, 2026, at least 30 bulls have been harvested under the federal and state hunting regulations. The harvest objective has been met or exceeded for the 2026 season. To prevent overharvest, this emergency order closes the moose hunting on the west side of the Dangerous River this year.

This Emergency Order (R1-11-26) closes the state moose hunting season in this area on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11:59 pm. The United States Forest Service has also implemented an Emergency Special Action closing the federal moose hunting season in this area, effective October 17, 2026, at 11:59pm.

Hunters are reminded that the remainder of Game Management Unit 5A east of the Dangerous River will remain open for moose hunting through the November 15th or until the east-side reaches 30 bulls (23 bulls have been harvested on the east side so far).

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