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FOUR WINDS AREA CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) –The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-17-16) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south, and the Canadian border west side at **11:59 P.M., on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.**

Based on the fall 2015 aerial survey (42 adults, 11 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 3 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent aerial survey on October 2nd, 2016 33 adults and 13 kids were observed. As of Tuesday October 11, 2016 one female goat and one male goat have been harvested. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions. Biologists encourage hunters to target male goats in order to allow for higher sustainable harvest in the future. For additional information concerning mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1D contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 465-4329 or (907) 465-4265.