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# TOHITKAH/RAYMOND MOUNTAIN AREA CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) –The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been met in the Tohitka Mountain and Mount Raymond portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-24-16) has been issued to close goat hunting season in this area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Canadian Border on the north, and the Kesall River on the south and west sides at **11:59 P.M., on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.**

Based on the fall 2013 aerial survey (88 adults, 25 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 6 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 2, 2016, 51 adults and 9 kids were observed. As of Tuesday November 22, 2016 two females and 3 males were harvested for a total of 7 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order is being 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.