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A Portion of Minto Flats Antlerless Moose Hunt RM785 Closes

(FAIRBANKS) – A portion of antlerless moose hunt RM785 in the Minto Flats Management Area will be closed when the state registration permit hunt opens on Sunday, October 15.

The closed area is south of the Chatanika River, west of the Dunbar trail and east and north of Goldstream Creek.

Most of the hunt area will remain open. The season in most of the Minto Flats Management Area antlerless moose hunt, RM785, will be open October 15 through February 28, or until the harvest quota of cow moose is reached. The harvest quota for this year's RM785 hunt is 30 cow moose.

Over the last several years a majority of the antlerless moose harvest has been in this small area of Minto Flats. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is closing the area to prevent localized overharvest and to spread harvest to portions of Minto Flats that continue to have high densities of moose.

"Hunters who access the hunt area from Murphy Dome or Standard Creek road need to be aware that they must travel either west of Goldstream Creek or north of the Chatanika River before harvesting a moose", said Area Biologist, Tony Hollis. "It makes for a longer trip, but our goal is to prevent overharvest in this small area and to prevent excess population growth in the remainder of Minto Flats".

Successful hunters are reminded to report within 2 days of harvesting a moose by completing a permit hunt report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or by returning their hunt report card to the Fairbanks ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Fairbanks office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> by March 15, 2018. Unsuccessful hunters may mail their reports.

Hunters are urged to obtain a confirmation receipt when they turn in their hunt reports. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.

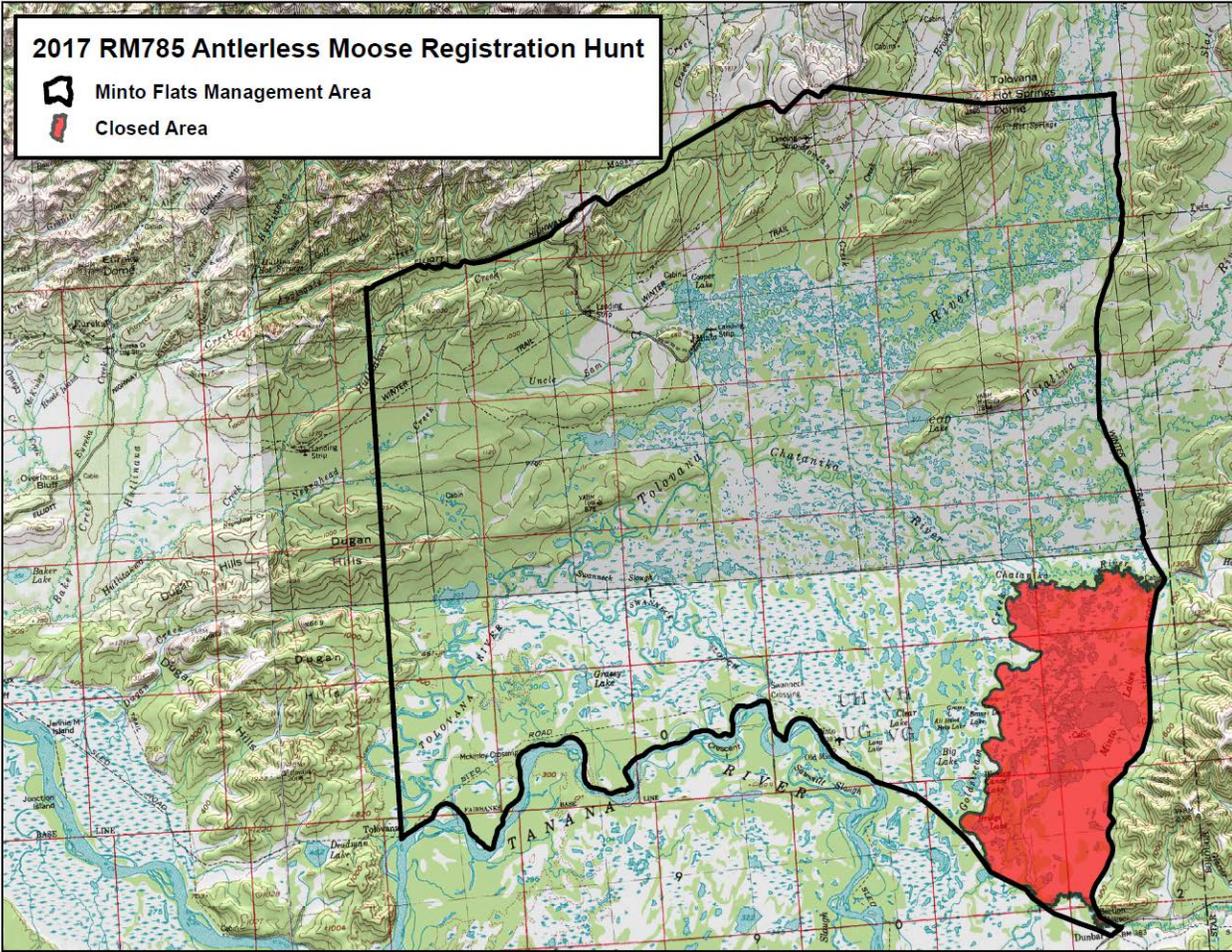
2017 RM785 Antlerless Moose Registration Hunt



Minto Flats Management Area



Closed Area



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