PROPOSAL 121

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.
Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A as follows:

DM770 hunt be divided up to six areas (same as antlerless draw hunt areas for same area)

DM770A Western Tanana Flats Central
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A bounded on the south by the south side of the Rex Trail, on the west by the Totatlanika River, on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River, and on the east by Tatlanika Creek

DM770B Ferry Trail Management Area East
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A bounded on the north by the south side of the Rex Trail, on the east by the east bank of the Totatlanika River and Dexter Creek, on the south by the divide separating the Totatlanika River/California Creek drainage from the Healy Creek and Lignite Creek drainages, and on the west by the western side of the Golden Valley Electric Association’s Northern Intertie.

DM770C Healy-Lignite Management Area
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A within the Healy-Lignite Management Area (Archery only) east of the west side of the Golden Valley Electric Association’s Northern Intertie

DM770D Healy Creek
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A drained by Healy Creek, upstream of Coal Creek (at N 63° 52.833’ W 148° 40.90’).

DM770E Moody Creek
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A drained by Moody Creek.

DM770F Wood River Controlled Use Area west
~Hunt Area: that portion of Unit 20A bounded on the north by the south side of the Rex Trail, on the east by the east bank of Tatlanika and Sheep Creeks, on the south by the divide separating the Tatlanika Creek drainage from the Healy Creek drainage, and on the west by Dexter Creek and the east bank of the Totatlanika River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to see draw hunt DM770 be divided up more like the antlerless hunts in the same area. Over the last 28 years I've been hunting the middle western part Unit 20A I've seen declines in bull moose numbers in the areas that are easily accessed. Leaving the people without any bull tags very few bulls to hunt or having to find other areas to hunt. There are few bulls that reach the 50-inch or that have the four brow tines. Spreading out the any bulls taken might open up some legal bulls left in the areas easier accessed and spread the area of harvested moose over a larger more controllable area.

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