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5 AAC 92.530(13). Management areas.

Allow shotguns for hunting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A as follows:

Healy-Lignite Management Area – Unit 20A that includes the entire Lignite Creek drainage, and that portion of the Nenana River drainage south of the Lignite Creek drainage and north of a boundary beginning at the confluence of the Nenana River and Healy Creek, then easterly along the south bank of Healy Creek to its confluence with Coal Creek, then northeasterly to the headwaters of Sanderson Creek at Usibelli Peak. Open to hunting by bow and arrow and shotgun. Shotgun may only be used for the taking of small game. Small game may also be taken by falconry.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To change the Healy-Lignite management area weapons restriction to include the use of shotgun for the taking of small game. This would allow more opportunity for hunters to use the management area, especially for the taking of upland birds and waterfowl.