

PROPOSAL 107

5 AAC 92.540(5)(b). Controlled use areas.

Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles as follows:

A veteran upon providing proof of a service-connected disability of 50% or more, may receive an exemption to the "Controlled Use Area ATV restrictions".

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C restricts the use of motorized vehicles during the latter days of the hunting season which prevents many disabled Veterans from accessing the hunting grounds. For a disabled Veteran to access the hunting grounds without motorized means essentially eliminates all access for a disabled Veteran who cannot walk or ride a horse. Without a change this restriction will continue to prevent a disabled Veteran from providing for one's family as well as improving the quality of life the Disabled Veteran can still enjoy.

I would like to see some consideration of exempting a verified disabled Veteran with a service-connected disability of 50% or more from this restriction. This change would provide an increased opportunity for those veterans who have already given to this country and now carry the scars of such service.

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