

PROPOSAL 113

5 AAC 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.

Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20 as follows:

Include a hunt provision that closes fall hunting within 1/4 mile of the Steese Highway above treeline on Eagle and Twelvemile Summits. If the board is hesitant to institute a closure of 1/4 mile, a 100 foot area would probably be effective as well. This would decrease the likelihood of an accidental shooting, improve hunt quality by decreasing congestion/chaos, and help ensure that quotas are not exceeded. This approach has been taken on the Taylor Highway to address similar concerns. Since 2017, ADF&G has effectively implemented a no-hunt corridor between mileposts 75 and 117 when the herd approaches/crosses this area during the fall season.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Since the 2020 fall caribou hunt, interest and participation along the Steese Highway has remained high. During the fall hunt, the roadway and immediately adjacent land is heavily used for ATV travel and camping. Public safety is threatened when hunting is also permitted in the same vicinity.

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