

PROPOSAL 101

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

No restrictions on motor vehicle use, other than those already adopted for all other hunting activities. This includes both public and private land.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

I would like to see the restriction on the use of motorized vehicles during the last two weeks of moose season lifted. I have not found any such restrictions in any other part of the state. It basically closes off access to land for most people. It definitely closes hunting for the older hunters or those who can't walk far during the best part of the season. Not even landowners or those with access to private ground can drive a motor vehicle or atv as transport so packing an animal out very far from a legal jump off point restricts, severely, the options available for going afield for moose. Again the disabled and aged can't go out to hunt because they can't retrieve the animal if they were successful.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

I have talked to numerous individuals with some hunting public ground and some on private ground. I've talked to wildlife troopers also and none, so far, can explain this restriction especially on private lands. No one seems to know why this was ever put in place or why it restricts such access on the last two weeks of the season, arguably the best time to get out.

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