

PROPOSAL 103

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within 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?

Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area - Unit 15C is closed to anyone using motorized vehicle (except an aircraft or boat) for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, their gear, and/ or parts of moose, **after the first week in September after moose hunting is opened. Motorized vehicle usage will not be allowed during the weekdays, motorized vehicle will be allowed on the weekends (Saturday & Sunday) through the open moose hunting season.** However, this does not apply to the use of a motorized vehicle on state or borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oil well, Brody and Tustumena Lake roads, or driveways used for direct access to primary residence or business.

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

The proposal I would like to submit is - that after the first week that moose hunting is open to the general hunt, to restrict the use of motorized vehicle, in Unit 15C to just weekend travel. Motorized vehicle usage to Saturday and Sunday only.

This proposal will give hunters the opportunity to get into the hunting area and establish their camps during the first week of hunting, and would afford the hunters time to hunt, and then on Saturday and Sunday to transport any meat that was harvested during the hunt.

There has been studies on the damage to the terrain in Unit 15c (which is the head waters too many salmon streams). If we do not become proactive, about limiting the amount of motorized vehicle damage to the environment it could be possible that we lose access to this hunting area.

We have some game cameras and we see motorized vehicle all day, and throughout the night, even during times that it is closed to motorized vehicle.

This would also give hunters, quiet time.

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

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