

## **PROPOSAL 182**

### **5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dalls sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.**

Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunts areas as follows:

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

I'm proposing allocating at least one nonresident guided Dall sheep permit for each of the four hunt areas in Unit 14C that have nonresident permits in them. There had been nonresident permits issued in these areas every year since the early 1980's, until 2023. The permit dates I'm advocating for are some of the same ones that were issued in 2010 when the first separate draws for nonresidents were put in place. If there is not enough nonresident permits to issue at least one in each area (minimum four) then at the department discretion they can decide which ones not to offer. If any area is closed to all hunters the department does not have to issue any nonresident permits in it.

The Department shall issue nonresident guided permits for the following areas unless there is less than four to issue.

Unit 14C- Northeast - DS224 August 10th to August 22

Unit 14C- Northwest- DS230 August 10th to August 22

Unit 14C- Upper Eagle River August 23rd to Sept. 4th

Unit 14C- Southwest DS237 August 23rd to Sept. 4th

Thank you for this opportunity.

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

Modify the nonresident drawing permit allocation for Dall sheep in Unit 14C. Nonresidents are allocated 13% of the total number of any weapon sheep permits in Unit 14C and second degree of kindred hunters are allocated up to 20% of those permits.

The issue: In the 2023 permit drawing period, no guided nonresident permits were offered in the Unit 14C-Northeast area or the Unit 14C- Upper Eagle River area. This was the first time ever that guided nonresident hunters had not had access to apply hunters for these areas since they went to draw permits in the 1980's. In 2024 there was no nonresident permit offered in the Unit 14C- Upper Eagle river area (DS233). In 2025 there was no nonresident permit offered in Unit 14C- Northwest (DS224). The Department offered three permits in some of the areas during this period. Guides did not even apply anyone for two of the permits offered in 2024 for lack of mature rams in the areas. Not having access to these permits has a big financial impact on the guides that operate in Unit 14C.

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

Myself.

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