

Proposal 181

5 AAC 92.510. Areas closed to hunting.

Create a quarter mile set back in GMU 26B along the Dalton Highway right of way Boundary during the non-resident archery hunting season as follows:

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

Within Game Management Unit 26B, no person may release an arrow at any game animal, or position themselves to release an arrow at any game animal, *within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Dalton Highway right-of-way boundary during the Non Resident season.*

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

Bow hunting is currently permitted to the Dalton Highway right-of-way in Unit 26B. The corridor sees daily heavy commercial traffic, and federal Executive Order 14153 has opened 2.1 million acres along the Dalton to expanded energy development, with a projected increase in truck traffic. Tourist use is also increasing annually.

Current regulations place active bow hunting and high-volume industrial and tourist traffic in the same narrow corridor simultaneously. This creates a public safety conflict and elevated wounding, as shots from the road do not allow for proper field assessment. A 1/4-mile setback establishes a clear, enforceable buffer between active hunting and road traffic. It reduces wounding, improves safety for all corridor users, and is specific, measurable, and enforceable by existing personnel with no additional staffing or infrastructure required. Increased industrial traffic under current federal development policy will intensify this conflict if no action is taken.

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

I worked with F&G and spoke to other truckers on the haul road to determine a potential solution to the problem at hand.

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