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Blackerby Ridge to Salmon Creek Reservoir Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1C

(Juneau) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG014, for that portion of Unit 1C on the south side of Blackerby Ridge encompassed by a line from Observation Peak west along the ridgeline down to the 1,000-foot contour, east along that contour to the north shore of Salmon Creek Reservoir, north of the main drainage into the head of the reservoir following that drainage south and east up to the ridgeline and east to Olds Mountain.

An aerial survey conducted on September 1, 2021 in the area between Blackerby Ridge and the Salmon Creek Reservoir resulted in low goat counts; a total of 18 goats were observed (18 adults, and 0 kids). A combined guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000-foot contour and east to Observation Peak. As of Wednesday, August 24, 2022, one male goat was taken in this area for a total of 1 point. Furthermore, this is a small hunt area with relatively easy access and goat harvest could be substantial if not controlled. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-08-22) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Thursday, August 25, 2022.

The remaining area of registration mountain goat hunt RG014, and all other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1C remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

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