

*Note: The Board of Game deferred this proposal as amended from the 2018 Central/Southwest Region Meeting. It was previously numbered Proposal 123. The board amended the proposal to exclude the Maclaren Summit Trail from the Controlled Use Area as described below, which will allow motorized access or transportation of game on the established Maclaren Summit Trail, whereas before it was restricted.*

**PROPOSAL 128**

**5 AAC 92.540(3)(C)(i). Controlled Use Areas.**

Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description as follows:

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(C) Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area:

(i) the area consists of that portion of Unit 13(B) north of Denali Highway, west of **up to 100 feet east of the Maclaren Summit trail from the Denali Highway north to the southern boundary of the Controlled Use Area, and** the Maclaren River drainage, and east of, and including eastern bank drainages of the Middle Fork of the Susitna River downstream from and including the Susitna Glacier, and the eastern bank drainages of Susitna River downstream from its confluence with the Middle Fork

(ii) The area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of game, except for brown/grizzly bears, wolves, and small game from March through June 30; however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access, or transportation of game on the Denali Highway and adjacent highway vehicle parking areas;

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area (CCUA) is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of game, except for brown/grizzly bears, wolves, and small game from March 15 through June 30. The area provides a large hunting area, accessible from the Denali Highway, where roadside and non-motorized hunters have a reasonable opportunity to harvest moose and caribou. Recently there has been some confusion by the public regarding the location of the Maclaren Summit Trail relative to the eastern boundary of the CCUA. Recent GIS analysis conducted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has identified that the trailhead and the majority of the Maclaren Summit Trail lies within the Maclaren River drainage and the controlled use area. The original proposal (Proposal 123) added the remainder of the Maclaren Summit Trail to the CCUA description whereas the amended proposal removes the entire trail from the CCUA.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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