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BLM Announces Increased Harvest Limit of Two Caribou for Fortymile Federal Subsistence Caribou Hunt

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced a change in the harvest limit from one caribou to two caribou beginning at 12 a.m. Aug. 29 for hunting by federally qualified subsistence users on federal public lands in Units 20E, 25C and 20F east of the Dalton Highway and south of the Yukon River.

The BLM Alaska Eastern Interior Field Office Manager, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, changed the harvest limit for the federal subsistence hunt to match the harvest limit for Alaska residents under State regulations. State and federal harvest limits may not be combined to harvest more than two caribou. The federal hunt opened Aug. 1 and closes at 11:59 p.m. Sept. 30.

Federally qualified subsistence hunters must obtain one RC860 joint State/Federal registration permit issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for each caribou to be harvested. Hunters should review the RC860 permit conditions.

Information and updates on the RC860 caribou hunt are available on the Fortymile Hotline at (907) 267-2310.

Registration permits for RC860 are available online at <u>hunt.alaska.gov</u> and at ADF&G offices in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Tok, Anchorage, Douglas and Palmer, as well as from vendors in Eagle, Central and Tok.

Successful hunters must report their kills within three days online at <u>hunt.alaska.gov</u>, by phone at (907) 883-2971, or in person at the ADF&G office in Tok. Hunters who report by phone must also mail their permit reports or drop them off at the Tok ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Tok office or report online at <u>hunt.alaska.gov</u> by Oct. 15, 2020.

Maps to aid in locating federal public lands near the Steese and Taylor highways are available from the <u>BLM Fairbanks District Office</u> (222 University Ave., Fairbanks, AK 99709) or online at <u>www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs</u> (Choose "Alaska" and "Federal Subsistence Hunting Map Series"). Maps indicating allowed OHV uses are also located at this site.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at <u>www.doi.gov/subsistence</u> or by visiting <u>www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska</u>.

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