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Anthony Christianson, Chair
Federal Subsistence Board
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Chairman Christianson,

The Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) met on April 15-16, 2026 in-person and via Teams. The following is a wildlife special action submitted on behalf of the SRC.

Action request: Open a winter moose season in Unit 24A within Gates of the Arctic National Park for 2026 to 2028.

Current regulations: Unit 24A – 1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit (FM2405) from August 25 to October 1.

Proposed regulations: A winter moose hunt in Unit 24A within Gates of the Arctic National Park for 1 antlered bull with at least a 1-inch antler from December 15 to April 15. Federal public lands in Gates of the Arctic National Park, as described by Federal regulations, are closed to the taking of moose, except for federally qualified rural residents who have eligibility within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

Unusual conditions: Currently, due to the revocation of Public Land Orders (PLO) 5150 and 5180 under PLO 7966 on February 25, 2026 - 2.1 million acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in the Dalton Highway Corridor are now State selected lands and no longer under Federal subsistence priority as of March 27, 2026. To allow for subsistence opportunity within Gates of the Arctic National Park, a winter moose hunt is being requested. This additional hunting opportunity is necessary to allow for subsistence utilization of available Federal lands in Gates of the Arctic National Park in Unit 24A because hunting opportunity has been lost on BLM lands.

Adverse effects: There's a harvestable surplus of moose – no adverse effects anticipated. The harvest will shift from pre-existing BLM lands to NPS lands.

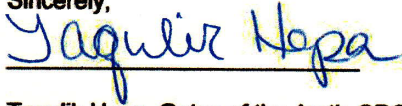
Request purpose: Opening a winter moose season would provide opportunities for Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest a moose utilizing snowmachines. This would be a contiguous regulatory hunt since there's already a similar hunt in Unit 24B.

The intention is for the special action to allow subsistence use until the call for Federal wildlife regulatory proposals and the Federal Subsistence Board to take action to adopt permanent regulations.

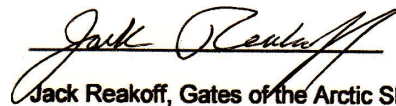
Regulatory change timing: This proposed winter moose hunt would allow for Federal subsistence opportunity during a time when Federal subsistence priority has been lost on former BLM lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Taqulik Hepa, Gates of the Arctic SRC Chair

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Jack Reakoff, Gates of the Arctic SRC Vice-Chair