



## Federal Subsistence Board



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### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND TRAPPING FOR WOLF CLOSED IN UNIT 2

#### SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under Authority of: 50 CFR Part 100. 27(i)(13)(i) and (ii)  
36 CFR Part 242. 27(i)(13)(i) and (ii)

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Special Action No: 13-WO-02-14

Issued at: Craig, Alaska, March 14, 2014

Effective Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014-- 11:59PM

Expiration Date: Monday, March 31, 2014-- 11:59 PM

**EXPLANATION:** This Special Action closes Federal lands within Unit 2 (GMU2) to the harvest of wolf. The closure begins on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. and continues through 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2014. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also implemented a similar, concurrent closure within Unit 2 for the State hunting and trapping seasons.

Authority has been delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board to both the Craig and Thorne Bay District Rangers to close the two seasons for wolf in Unit 2 when the combined Federal-State harvest quota has been taken.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

/s/ Matt Anderson

MATT ANDERSON

District Ranger

Craig Ranger District

14 March 2014

/s/ Rachele Huddleston-Lorton

RACHELLE HUDDLESTON-LORTON

District Ranger

Thorne Bay Ranger District

14 March 2014

**JUSTIFICATION:** Unit 2 currently has a seasonal harvest limit of 60 wolves, which is 30% of the estimated fall wolf population. After several consecutive seasons of low wolf harvests in Unit 2, harvests reached high levels during the current and last year's seasons. This increase is believed to have been due in part to mild winter weather that kept much of the Unit 2 road system snow-free and accessible to trappers and thereby facilitated high trapper participation and effort. With the harvest nearing 60, biologists have been monitoring the harvest closely to ensure the Unit's wolf population is managed for long-term sustainability.

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