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Wolf hunting, trapping season to close in Unit 2

Craig, Alaska — The Thorne Bay and Craig Districts Ranger, Matt Anderson, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, will close the Federal public lands of Unit 2 to the harvest of wolf from 11:59 P.M., Tuesday, December 18, 2018 until 11:59 P.M., March 31, 2018. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will close the state wolf hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 2 at 11:59 P.M. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

ADF&G and the U.S. Forest Service jointly set the regulatory year 2018 (July 2018 – June 2019) Unit 2 wolf hunting and trapping harvest quota at 45 wolves. ADF&G currently manages Unit 2 wolves for an annual harvest that should not exceed 20 percent of the most recent unit-wide, fall population estimate. The RY 2018 harvest quota of forty-five wolves is 20 % of the fall 2017 population estimate (225 wolves). Other forms of human-caused mortality including documented wounding loss and illegal harvest also count toward the harvest quota. As of Wednesday evening, December 12, 2018, a total of 26 wolves taken in Unit 2 had been sealed. Managers anticipate that by the closure date additional harvest by hunters

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and trappers still in the field will reach or surpass the quota. Therefore, the wolf hunting and trapping seasons are being closed by emergency order.

Forest Service and ADF&G managers would like to extend their appreciation to the local Tribes and subsistence users, for their cooperation and involvement in managing this harvest quota. For additional information, please contact Tom Schumacher at (907) 465-4267 (ADF&G) or Matt Anderson at (907) 826-3271, or Jeff Reeves at (907) 826-1649 (USFS). Maps of Unit 2 can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntingmaps.gmuinfo>. Maps of Federal lands within Unit 2 and additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program are available at US Forest Service offices or on the web at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>.

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