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Wolf Hunting, Trapping Season to Close in Unit 2

Craig, Alaska — This news release is being issued to clarify closure dates for Federal Subsistence and State of Alaska hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2.

Thorne Bay and Craig Districts Ranger, Matt Anderson, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, closed 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, 2019. Subsequent to that closure persistent storms have prevented trappers from safely collecting their trapping equipment from the field. Although the closure date remains in effect, in a news release issued on December 18, 2018 Ranger Matt Anderson extended the period during which trappers may collect gear from the field until 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018.

On December 13, 2018 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) issued an Emergency Order (EO 1-22-18) closing the hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2 at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,

December 18, 2018. However, in recognition of the stormy weather and concern for the safety of trappers, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 the ADF&G issued a new emergency order (EO 1-23-18) closing the hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2 at 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018. Emergency Order 1-23-18 supersedes Emergency Order 1-22-18.

The net effect of these actions by the U. S. Forest Service and ADF&G is that individuals trapping wolf under Federal Subsistence or State trapping regulations now have until 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018 to remove trapping equipment from the field.

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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