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Plans Announced for Winter Federal Subsistence Moose Hunt in a Portion of Unit 11

Copper Center, AK – Plans for a winter federal subsistence hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 11 were announced on October 24 by Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Superintendent Ben Bobowski, the designated federal manager for the hunt. The Federal Subsistence Board established this hunt at its April 2014 meeting and extended the season dates at its April 2018 meeting. For the 2018 hunt, the harvest quota is 7 bull moose. The hunt will open on November 20 and close on January 20 or earlier if the quota has been reached. Hunters are asked to report back within three days of harvesting an animal or at the end of the season if unsuccessful. For recorded information about the status of the hunt, hunters can call 822-7203.

A federal registration permit is required to participate in the hunt. Permits are available at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Headquarters in Copper Center during regular business hours (M-F, 8 AM to 4:30 PM, excluding federal holidays). Please bring your State of Alaska resident hunting license, a photo ID (such as an Alaska driver's license), and proof of local physical address. Documentation of physical address can include a voter registration card or a telephone or electric bill listing your physical address.

Eligibility for the hunt is limited to rural residents of Units 11, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D, and Chickaloon. To hunt in the national park, hunters must also live in the park's resident zone. The annual harvest limit for moose in Unit 11 is one, regardless of permit, hunt area, or hunt dates. Hunters who harvested a moose during the fall season are not eligible to harvest a moose during the winter season.

The hunt area is Federal public lands in Unit 11 that lie south and east of a line running along the north bank of the Chitina River, the north and west banks of the Nizina River, and the west bank of West Fork of the Nizina River, continuing along the western edge of the West Fork Glacier to the summit of Regal Mountain. The permit is not valid on Native Corporation or other non-federal land within the hunt area. There is no direct road access to this area. Much of the hunt area is designated as national park, and the use of aircraft to access the national park for subsistence hunting is not allowed under NPS regulations. Maps of the hunt area are provided with each permit issued.

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