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Deer harvest limit for Non-Federally qualified users reduced in Unit 2

CRAIG, Alaska – The Craig/Thorne Bay District Ranger is issuing an emergency special action to restrict the harvest limit of deer by non-Federally qualified users to *up to two male deer* on federally-managed public lands in Unit 2. This emergency special action is effective immediately and will expire in 60 days or when the 2018-2020 Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations are published in the Federal Register, whichever occurs first.

The District Ranger is taking this action based on extensive public testimony and traditional ecological knowledge provided to the Federal Subsistence Board, showing subsistence needs for deer were not being met. Adoption of this reduced harvest limit for non-Federally qualified users will increase opportunity for Federally-qualified subsistence users.

“This action is based on the Federal Subsistence Board decision, in response to concerns from our rural subsistence users on and around Prince of Wales Island,” said Tyler Gunn, Acting District Ranger. “As land managers, we will continue to work alongside our partner agencies and all other forest stakeholders to ensure these public lands meet the unique social and economic dynamics of southeast Alaska.”

Due to administrative delays in the Federal Rule Making Process, the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) approved temporary delegated authority to some Federal land managers to enact temporary changes to Federal Subsistence Regulations adopted by the FSB at its April 2018 regulatory meeting. This delegation of authority is established pursuant to 36 CFR 242.10(d)(6) and 50 CFR 100.10(d)(6).

For additional information on the emergency special action, contact Tyler Gunn at 907-828-3210.

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