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## **Federal goat hunting season to close in a portion of Unit 5A**

YAKUTAT, Alaska – Yakutat District Ranger Lee Benson, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the 2018 federal subsistence mountain goat hunting season for a portion of Unit 5A. The closed area begins on the west shore of Harlequin Lake and the western edge of Yakutat Glacier; then west of Harlequin Lake and Yakutat Glacier to Yakutat Bay and Disenchantment Bay; and south of Russell and Nunatak Fjords. The closure will be effective Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 11:59 p.m., and will remain in effect until through December 31, 2018. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has previously established a closure for the same area (Emergency Order 01-02-18).

Hunters are reminded that the Nunatak Bench area remains closed to mountain goat hunting.

Aerial survey data indicate a decline in the mountain goat population starting in 2006. Any additional harvest of goats in this area could have long term negative effects on the health and recovery of this population.

A map of the closed area is available from the Yakutat Ranger District office and the Yakutat area office of ADF&G. For additional information, contact U.S. Forest Service Yakutat District Ranger Lee Benson at 907-784-3359.

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>

For interviews and information to be used for publication, contact the Tongass Public Affairs Officer at 907-228-6201.

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