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Under the authority of:

**36 CFR §242.10 and .19**  
**50 CFR §100.10 and .19**

### **Upper Benzeman Zone on Baranof Island in Unit 4 to close to the harvest of mountain goats**

SITKA, Alaska – The Sitka District Ranger, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the Upper Benzeman Zone to the harvest of mountain goats. The closure will be effective Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect through the rest of the 2018 season which ends December 31. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has issued a concurrent closure in the same zone. Further mountain goat harvest in this zone could have a long term negative effect on the conservation of this mountain goat subpopulation. The remainder of Baranof Island is open to goat hunting until the season closes, unless closed by special action.

A map and description of closed areas are available from the Sitka Ranger District Office and the Sitka area office of ADF&G. Information on Federal subsistence management special actions for the Tongass National Forest can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events>. For additional information, call Subsistence Biologist Justin Koller at 907-747-4297 or email him at [jpkoller@fs.fed.us](mailto:jpkoller@fs.fed.us).

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

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