

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM | 2025-2026 MEETING CYCLE**

**Proposals must be received by Thursday, May 1, 2025**

Upload completed forms online at: <https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov> or

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**BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS**

Game Management Unit (GMU) 20A

**Hunting**       **Subsistence**       Trapping      Other : \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the proposed change affect residents or nonresidents?**

**Residents**       **Nonresidents**

**Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

**Western Arctic / Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23, and 26A)**       **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C).**

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

**1. Alaska Administrative Code No. 5 AAC: 92.540 (F)**

**Regulation Book Page No.: 105**

**2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Increased access to the Wood River Controlled Use Area. The moose population in all of 20A is extremely healthy, the caribou in 20A are doing very well and managed on a draw hunt, and there is a healthy predator population as well. Participation in the DC827 hunt has been historically low due to the access restrictions. The moose hunting is managed under 50", 4 brow tine, or spike fork restrictions. This year alone 34 cow hunts were under subscribed due to folks fearing access issues. All the safety nets are in place to allow an increased ease of access while minimizing impact on game populations. The restrictions to the wood river were put in place to create exclusivity for guides operating the area. Not only is this unfair to residents it is not in line with maximum sustained yield. Residents need to have affordable access to game resources more than guides need exclusive areas.**

**3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

**In light of the reality of push back from guides and possibly APHA I'd like to present two options to increase motorized access while still giving breathing room to current operations.**

**Option 1.**

**Wood River Controlled Use Area: Unit 20A bounded on the north by the south side of the Rex Trail beginning at its intersection with the east bank of the Totatlanika River, then easterly along the Rex Trail to Gold King airstrip, then from Gold King airstrip along the trail's extension along the north side of Japan Hills to the Wood River; bounded on the east by the east bank of the Wood River, including the Wood River drainage upstream from and including the Snow Mountain Gulch Creek drainage; bounded on the south by the divide separating the Yanert River drainage from the drainages of the Healy Creek, Moody Creek, Montana Creek, and the Wood River; and bounded on the west by the east bank of the Nenana River from the divide separating the drainage of the Yanert River and Montana Creek north to Healy Creek, then easterly along the south bank of Healy Creek to the north fork of Healy Creek, then along the north fork of Healy Creek to its headwaters, then along a straight line to the headwaters of Dexter Creek, then along the east bank of Dexter Creek to the Totatlanika River, and then down the east bank of the Totatlanika River to the Rex Trail. The area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle, except aircraft for big game hunting including the transportation of any big game hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of big game, **Aug 5-Aug 25**; *however, this does not prohibit motorized access via, or transportation of game on, the Parks Highway or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption.***

**Option 2.**

**Wood River Controlled Use Area: Unit 20A bounded on the north by the south side of the Rex Trail beginning at its intersection with the east bank of the Totatlanika River, then easterly along the Rex Trail to Gold King airstrip, then from Gold King airstrip**

along the trail's extension along the north side of Japan Hills to the Wood River; bounded on the east by the east bank of the Wood River, including the Wood River drainage upstream from and including the Snow Mountain Gulch Creek drainage; bounded on the south by the divide separating the Yanert River drainage from the drainages of the Healy Creek, Moody Creek, Montana Creek, and the Wood River; and bounded on the west by the east bank of the Nenana River from the divide separating the drainage of the Yanert River and Montana Creek north to Healy Creek, then easterly along the south bank of Healy Creek to the north fork of Healy Creek, then along the north fork of Healy Creek to its headwaters, then along a straight line to the headwaters of Dexter Creek, then along the east bank of Dexter Creek to the Totatlanika River, and then down the east bank of the Totatlanika River to the Rex Trail. The area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle, except aircraft for **sheep** hunting including the transportation of any big game hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of big game, **Aug 5-30 Sept**; *however, this does not prohibit motorized access via, or transportation of game on, the Parks Highway or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption.*

**4. Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? Please explain.**

**Submitted By:**

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**Individual's Name and Name of Organization if applicable**

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