

Submitter

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Issue

This proposal requests an adjustment to the authority delegated to the Federal in-season manager of the Game Management Unit 13 Nelchina hunt FC1302 for the Unit 13, remainder. The current delegation of authority allows the Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office Field Manager to designate sex and number of animals per permit for subunits 13A and 13B, up to 2 caribou. In Unit 13, remainder, the number and sex of animals permitted is ‘2 bulls.’ The BLM requests this be changed to ‘up to 2 caribou.’

Existing Federal Regulations:**Unit 13–Caribou**

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Justification

The Federal in-season manager for FC1302 should have the same authority for all GMU 13 subunits, including the authority to limit harvest to one animal and set sex restrictions in Unit 13 remainder. Otherwise, the delegation of authority does not provide enough flexibility to respond to conservation concerns in season.