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MT KATLIAN ZONE ON BARANOF ISLAND IN UNIT 4 IS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF MOUNTAIN GOATS

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Temporary Special Action No: WSA 13-MG-06-25 Issued at: Sitka, Alaska, September 3, 2025

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 5, 2025
Expiration Date 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Temporary Special Action closes Mt. Katlian Zone on Baranof Island near Sitka, Alaska to the harvest of mountain goats.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.26(n) and 43 CFR 51.26(n) are amended to read:

Unit 4 – Mountain Goat

1 goat by State registration permit only. *Aug. 1 - Dec. 31*

South Baranof – Drainages south of Gut Bay and the east branch of Great Arm Whale Bay and their respective inlet streams; and north of the divide between Larch Bay and Port Conclusion. *Closed*

Rosenberg Lake – North fork Nakwasina River drainages upstream of the Peak 3098 Creek confluence, south of the north fork Nakwasina River downstream of the Peak 3098 Creek confluence, and Rosenberg Lake/Creek drainages. *Closed*

Bear Mountain – Silver Bay drainages between Sawmill and Medvejie Creeks, south of Blue Lake/Creek, west of the south fork Blue Lake Creek and northwest of Medvejie Creek to Baranof Pass. *Closed*

Lisa Creek – Drainages north of Katlian Bay, west of Coxe River, east of Nakwasina Sound and south of Nakwasina River downstream of Cold Storage Lake pass but excluding the Lisianski Peninsula. *Closed*

Mt. Katlian – Drainages north and east of south fork Katlian River and south of Katlian River downstream of the Hogan Creek confluence. *Closed*

JUSTIFICATION:

Data from collared mountain goats near Sitka documented that goats have high fidelity to small home ranges and are slow to recolonize vacant habitat. This finding, combined with high localized harvest in more accessible areas, led managers to develop an updated management strategy for mountain goats on Baranof Island beginning with the 2017 season. Baranof Island was divided into 34 small hunt zones to allow biologists to manage at the subpopulation level, affording hunters more opportunities and reducing localized overharvest.

To date, one female goat has been harvested in the Mt. Katlian zone of RG150. The management objective for this zone has been met and no further harvest is warranted. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced hunting opportunities in the future.

A public hearing to discuss the 2025 Baranof Island mountain goat management strategy was held on July 24, 2025, in Sitka, Alaska. The 2025 strategy is similar to the 2024 strategy with distinct male and female harvest levels by zone. Female harvest is more restrictive than male harvest. As mountain goat harvest levels in zones are reached, they are closed.

The remainder of Baranof Island will remain open for goat hunting unless closed by special action. Future special actions may be issued to reopen zones if it is determined that subpopulations can sustain additional harvest.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to: /s/Cody Mosley
Cody Mosley
Acting District Ranger
Sitka Ranger District
September 3, 2025

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