



Federal Subsistence Board

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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE SHEEP HUNT CLOSED IN THE COOPER LANDING CLOSED AREA

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: 07-DS-01-26

Issued at: Moose Pass, Alaska, 7/22/2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 2026 unless superseded by subsequent Federal special action

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action closes Federal public lands to the take of Dall sheep in that portion of Unit 7 known under State regulation as the Cooper Landing Closed Area (CLCA). The area is bounded by Juneau Creek, on the west, beginning at its confluence with the Kenai River, then upstream to the confluence of Juneau Creek and Falls Creek, then easterly along Falls Creek and the north fork of Falls Creek and over the connecting saddle to Devils Creek, then southeasterly along Devils Creek to its confluence with Quartz Creek, then southwesterly along Quartz Creek to the Sterling Highway, then westerly along the Sterling Highway to the Kenai River, and then westerly along the Kenai River to the point of beginning at the mouth of Juneau Creek.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.26(n)(7)(ii) and 43 CFR 51.26(n)(7)(ii) are amended to add:

§ __.26(n)(7)(ii)(D) You may not hunt Dall Sheep in the Cooper Landing Closed Area, which consists of the area bounded by Juneau Creek, on the west, beginning at its confluence with the Kenai River, then upstream to the confluence of Juneau Creek and Falls Creek, then easterly along Falls Creek and the north fork of Falls Creek and over the connecting saddle to Devils Creek, then southeasterly along Devils Creek to its confluence with Quartz Creek, then southwesterly along Quartz Creek to the Sterling Highway, then westerly along the Sterling Highway to the Kenai River, and then westerly along the Kenai River to the point of beginning at the mouth of Juneau Creek.

JUSTIFICATION: The CLCA has been closed to the harvest of goats and sheep since 1953. The number of legal rams in the area is currently unknown. The Eastern Resurrection Creek survey area, which includes Dall sheep in the CLCA has been declining since at least 2000 and has approached minimum viable population levels. Due to the proximity to significant human disturbance, poorly understood sub-population structure, and sensitive declining population, increased hunting pressure in this area is likely to exacerbate an existing conservation concern.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to: Ruth D'Amico

District Ranger,
Seward Ranger District
July 22, 2026

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