

## Two Mountain Goat Herds Off-Limits for Registration Hunt

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The resident registration hunt for mountain goats in two areas on Kodiak Island have been closed by emergency order — even before they start.

Fish and Game biologist Larry Van Daele issued the order Tuesday, closing the Crown Mountain and the Hidden Basin-East Terror Lake areas. The closure was implemented because four goats have been taken in each of those areas during the lottery drawing hunt, when the target harvest is three in each area.

The Hidden Basin-East Terror Lake has a herd of about 60 goats, while the Crown Mountain herd is estimated at 25. Van Daele says any additional harvest would be excessive and jeopardize the future productivity of the herds.

The remaining areas of Game Management Unit 18 will open as scheduled.