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## Indian River Zone on Baranof Island in Unit 4 closed to the harvest of mountain goats

SITKA, Alaska – The Sitka District Ranger, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the Indian River Zone in <u>Unit 4</u> to the harvest of mountain goats. The closure will be effective Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect through the rest of the 2019 season which ends December 31. Further mountain goat harvest in this zone could have long term, negative effects on the conservation of this mountain goat subpopulation. The remainder of Baranof Island is open to goat hunting until the season closes, unless closed by past or future special action.

A map and description of the closed areas are available from the Sitka Ranger District Office and the Sitka area office of ADF&G. Information on Federal subsistence management special actions for the Tongass National Forest can be found at <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events">http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events</a>. For additional information, call Zone Fish and Wildlife Biologist Justin Koller at 907-747-4297 or email him at <a href="justin.koller@usda.gov">justin.koller@usda.gov</a>.

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence.

For interviews and information to be used for publication, contact the Tongass Public Affairs Officer at 907-228-6201.

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