

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM | 2019-2020 MEETING CYCLE**

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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS	
Game Management Unit (GMU) <u>20A Yanert Controlled Use Area</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Trapping	Other _____
Does the proposed change affect residents or nonresidents?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residents	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonresidents
Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic/Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23 & 26A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior/Northeast Arctic Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B & 26C)
Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.	
1. Alaska Administrative Code No. 5 AAC: 92.540	Regulation Book Page No.: 106
2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?	
Yanert Controlled Use Area – No defined closure dates to motorized access	
When the Yanert Controlled Use (CUA) area was instituted, unlike the Wood River and other CUAs that mandate a specific time frame for closure for certain types of motorized access, there was no specific closure dates to the Yanert CUA.	
While there may have been reasons originally for making the Yanert CUA closed year-round to motorized access other than aircraft for hunting purposes, we can see no reason now to keep the area closed year-round to atvs and snowmachines in terms of transporting hunters and their hunting gear, or hay and grain to feed horses at hunting camps with the CUA.	
There is currently one moose hunt offered in Unit 20A Yanert CUA by harvest ticket for both residents and nonresidents and the season runs Sept. 1 – Sept. 25. There is one caribou hunt by draw permit DC 827 with a season from Aug. 10-Sept. 20. And there is a general season sheep hunt Aug 10 – Sept. 20.	
So why exactly is the Yanert CUA closed year-round for ATVs and snowmachines for the transportation of hunters and their hunting gear? The Alaska Wildlife Troopers interpret the Yanert CUA to be closed to motorized access other than aircraft year-round for the purpose of hunting or transportation of hunting gear. Some troopers also take the position that hay and grain used to feed horses is hunting “gear” and some residents have been prevented from transporting hay and grain into camps within the Yanert during the winter months by snowmachine. This is causing logistical/economic issues for those with camps within the Yanert CUA who wish to travel to their camps during the winter months via snowmachine or ATV and may be transporting hunting “gear”. We see no reason why anyone should not be allowed to transport hay and grain and tents and other	

hunting “gear” into the CUA during the winter months via snowmachine or ATV, and avoid the prohibitive cost of having to hire an air-taxi.

3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

Align the Wood River CUA and Yanert CUA closure dates.

Amend 5AAC 92.540(H)(ii) to read:

*the area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle, except aircraft, for big game hunting, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game, **from Aug. 1 – Sept. 30**; however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access, or transportation of game, on the Parks Highway, or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption;*

Whether or not the Board agrees with the above solution, we would ask the Board to clarify for Wildlife Troopers whether hay and grain to feed horses falls under the category of hunting “gear.”

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