



Attention Sheep Hunters

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

If you are planning to hunt sheep in **Game Management Unit 25A**, please be aware of Federal hunting regulations that do not appear in your State of Alaska regulations booklet:

The entire Arctic Village Sheep Management Area (AVSMA) is closed to general sheep hunting.

The Arctic Village Sheep Management Area (AVSMA), which lies west and north of Arctic Village, is **closed to sheep hunting except by federally qualified residents** of Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Kaktovik and Chalkyitsik. **Red Sheep Creek and Cane Creek are now part of this closure due to a decision made by the Federal Subsistence Board in January 2012.**

Qualified hunters must have a Federal registration permit to hunt sheep in the AVSMA

Regulation for Unit 25A – Arctic Village Sheep Management Area: 2 rams by Federal registration permit only, August 10 to April 30. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of sheep except by rural Alaska residents of Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Kaktovik, and Chalkyitsik hunting under Federal harvest of wildlife regulations.

General hunting of any game species other than sheep is allowed in the AVSMA during hunting season

The AVSMA was established in 1995 in response to concerns from local rural residents about conflicts with general hunters. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides authority to protect subsistence uses in particular areas. The AVSMA protects subsistence sheep hunting opportunities and provides a mechanism for reporting harvests.

Boundary description of the AVSMA

The AVSMA is bounded on the east by the East Fork of the Chandalar River; beginning at the confluence of Red Sheep Creek, and proceeds downstream past Arctic Village to the confluence with Crow Nest Creek. It then continues up Crow Nest Creek, through Portage Lake, to the confluence with the Junjik River; then down the Junjik River past Timber Lake and a larger tributary, to a major, unnamed tributary, northwesterly for approximately 6 miles, where the stream forks into two roughly equal drainages. The boundary follows the easternmost fork, proceeding almost due north to the headwaters and intersects the Continental Divide. The boundary then follows the Continental Divide east through Carter Pass, then east and north approximately 62 miles along the divide to the headwaters of the most northerly tributary of Red Sheep Creek. The boundary then follows the divide south and east to the eastern extreme of the Red Sheep Creek drainage, then to the confluence of Red Sheep Creek and back to the East Fork of the Chandalar River.

Please be respectful and do not enter private lands. The red dots on this map show their general locations.

