Corridor for Line Closed

JUNEAU — The Alaska oil pipeline corridor from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay is now closed to all big game hunting under an emergency order issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The order, which was effec-

tive Feb. 21, cites safety factors and increased access to and impact on local big game populations as the primary reasons for the closure.

Closed is the area within five

miles of each side of the pipeline alignment in game management units 24, 25 and 26, all north of the Yukon River.

The order prohibits the taking of big game only and does not prohibit trapping, small game or bird hunting.