Keep Mountain Goats Safe In Avalanche Terrain

We share Alaska's slopes with mountain goats. A little distance goes a long way toward keeping everyone safe

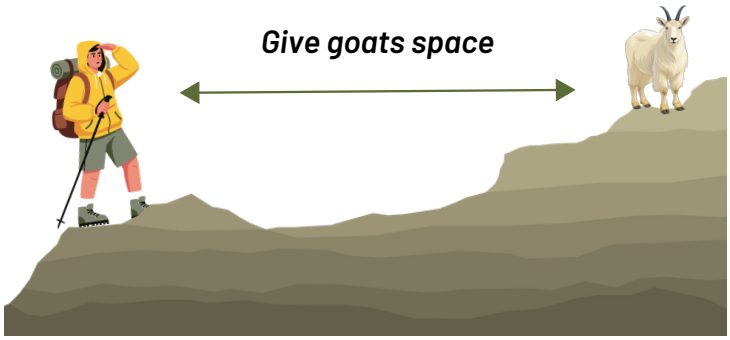


Why this matters

36% average percent of coastal Alaska mountain goat deaths are a result of avalanches

1. Goats flee into steep, rocky "escape terrain" — which overlaps heavily with avalanche hazard zones that can harm them and you
2. Mountain goats are sensitive to human disturbance. Nearby contact can cause stress
3. Goats detect you — even if they look calm or unresponsive

What you can do



- Maintain distance. If the goat looks up or moves — you are too close
- Detour widely and give them the high ground

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"Snow avalanches are a primary climate-linked driver of mountain ungulate populations"

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