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KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING ON THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge announces that the refuge will open for Christmas trees cutting, Friday, November 23, 2007. Trees are free for personal use with a limit of one per household. Trees may be taken anywhere on the Refuge, except within 150 feet of a road, lake, stream, trail, campground, or picnic area. No tree cutting is permitted in the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center area and along Ski Hill Road. The public is requested to trim the stumps as close to the ground as possible for aesthetic reasons.

Please contact Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna, (907) 262-7021, for further details.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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