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Kenai Refuge Visitor Center Weekend Closure

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, located on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna, will be closed to the public on Saturdays and Sundays beginning December 1, 2007. This weekend closure will be for the entire month of December. Beginning in January, the Visitor Center will be open only on Saturdays and closed on Sundays until the end of March 2008. The visitor center will continue to be open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Walking and ski trails located around the Refuge Headquarters area will continue to be open to the public daily.

For more information contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at (907) 262-7021.

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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