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KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OPENS TO SNOWMACHINES

Portions of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge are now open to snowmachine use according to Refuge Manager Robin West. Recent snowfall atop already frozen lakes and ground has provided adequate protection to prevent surface damage throughout most of the Refuge, West said. He asks that riders try to avoid the few areas that still have little snow and try to avoid moose and other wildlife whenever possible.

All areas of the Refuge traditionally open to snowmachine use are now open. The areas within the Canoe Systems, Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area, Headquarters Area on Ski Hill Road, and all areas above alpine (except the Caribou Hills) remain closed.

For a map of open areas, or for more information, please contact the Refuge at (907) 262-7021 or visit our web site at <http://kenai.fws.gov>.

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