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**SUBJECT:** KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF WILDERNESS

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a special event on Saturday, September 25, 2010, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Refuge Wilderness. In 1980, Congress created 1.35 million acres of federal wilderness on Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. These lands provide high quality air, water, wildlife, and wilderness resources for our community and our nation.

Featured speakers are Park Ranger Rick Johnston and Wildlife Biologist John Morton. Rick will share the story of how Refuge Wilderness was created and its valuable legacy to our community. John will give insight into important research monitoring programs ongoing in Refuge wilderness areas.

All activities are free and take place from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Refuge Environmental Education Center on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna. Refreshments will be provided. A great event to help us appreciate and better understand Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness!

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. Please direct all requests for accommodation needs to Janet Schmidt, (907) 260-2808 no later than September 20, 2010.

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