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SUBJECT: *THIS NEWS RELEASE IS A CORRECTION TO AND SUPERCEDES THE EARLIER RELEASE OF NOVEMBER 30, 2010.*

Refuge Manager Andy Loranger announced today that Kenai National Wildlife Refuge will be open to snowmachine use effective 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2010. All traditional areas of the refuge will be open. Closed areas include the Headquarters tract on Ski Hill Road, Skilak Loop Special Management Area, Swanson River and Swan Lake Canoe Systems, Wolf Lake pipeline corridor, and areas above timberline, except in Caribou Hills. The attached map indicates closed areas, but users are encouraged to contact the Refuge Headquarters if unsure of boundaries.

The Refuge is asking all snowmachine users to be respectful of their surroundings and avoid the few areas that still have insufficient snow accumulation. Users should also try to avoid moose and other wildlife whenever possible.

The Refuge advises that snowmachine users exercise caution, especially on lakes, rivers and streams which may not yet be sufficiently frozen. In addition, rocks and tree stumps can be hazardous in areas of less snow accumulation. For more information, please contact Refuge Headquarters at (907) 262-7021, online at <http://kenai.fws.gov>, or visit the Refuge Headquarters on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna.

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