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## KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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### EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

ISSUED: January 31, 2020

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge  
Soldotna, Alaska

AUTHORITY: 50 CFR 36.42

All previous closure orders are hereby superseded and replaced by this order. Five trails within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area (SWRA) and vicinity remain closed and are listed below. All other areas within the Swan Lake Fire burn perimeter are now open for public access. Visitors should travel these areas with caution as many trees are still unstable and prone to falling. Areas of downed timber may make many areas impassable. Visitors should also note that Skilak Lake Road will not receive winter maintenance by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, therefore, conditions may not be conducive to driving within the SWRA.

Below are the facilities that remain closed to the public as a result of the Swan Lake Fire.

#### Facilities Currently Closed Due to the Swan Lake Fire

Kenai River Trail

Skyline Trail

Hideout Trail

Surprise Creek Trail

Seven Lakes Trail (east of Kelly Lake and  
west of Engineer Lake)

The goal of this closure modification is to minimize risk to people while providing access where possible. The closure will remain in effect through March 2, 2020 unless rescinded earlier, or extended for cause. This emergency closure is consistent with the authority granted to the Refuge Manager under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and closure procedures at 50 CFR 25.31 and 36.42.

Questions or requests for copies of this order or maps should be directed to the Refuge at (907) 262-7021.

Refuge Manager

Date