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SUBJECT: Competitive Offering of Upper Kenai River Commercial Use Permits

The following notice is a competitive offering for the opportunity to conduct Upper Kenai River commercial scenic float services on Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. This is an opportunity to conduct guided scenic float trips within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and involves only the area between the Russian River Confluence/Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary and Skilak Lake.

The Refuge has had a limited number of scenic float permits for this area since 1997, consistent with a 1996 Environmental Assessment for Upper Kenai River Commercial Visitor Services Management Strategy. At this time permits will be awarded to fill the remainder of the five year term left vacant; these will be filled based on a competitive prospectus. The vacancies are for UKR F 01B permits, authorizing no more than seven starts per week, no more than two per day; see the prospectus for further details. The permit term will begin May 1, 2014 and expires April 30, 2018.

On January 20, 2014, a prospectus for guided scenic float services will be made available and interested individuals will have 60 days from January 20, 2014 to submit proposals for the

available permit(s). Proposals must be received by 4:30 pm on March 20, 2014, to be considered. Selection of successful applicants will be completed by April 20, 2014.

For additional information, please contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office during regular business hours at (907) 262-7021.

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