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SUBJECT: Smoke and open flames due to wildfire activity still visible on Refuge

Isolated burning of remaining fuels within the 2014 Funny River Fire and 2015 Card Street Fire perimeters could mean that smoke and flames will be visible to people recreating on Tustumena Lake, Skilak Lake, and the Kenai River.

The Card Street Fire continues to be monitored and areas of fire activity that pose a threat to containment of the fire are being extinguished. Areas of smoke and heat located within the interior of the fire and on the north side of the Kenai River near the outlet of Skilak Lake will continue to be monitored. These areas do not pose a threat to structures and are unsafe for firefighting resources to extinguish due to fire weakened trees and deep smoldering duff. Visitors to the area should also be mindful that snags, falling trees and ash pits pose significant hazards within the burned area. The wildfire is being managed by Alaska Division of Forestry.

A holdover fire from last year's Funny River Fire is burning just north of Tustumena Lake, 2 miles east of the Bear Creek Subdivision and well inside the previously burned fire perimeter. It poses no threat to structures. A smoke column from this fire is visible from the lake and is being monitored by Alaska Division of Forestry and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

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

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