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SUBJECT: Refuge Open Wood Cutting Permit Areas

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is offering personal use firewood permits for the Swanson River and Swan Lake Road areas of the Refuge, beginning today August 12, 2015. Permits with maps and instructions can be obtained beginning August 12, 2015, at the Refuge Headquarter on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna. The Refuge Headquarters office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Monday through Friday. No fee will be charged for the permit, although permit holders will be required to scatter the excess limbs and woody debris. Permits are limited to collection of five cords of firewood and will expire March 31, 2016; these areas will close to firewood cutting the same day. Weather conditions or depletion of wood for cutting may prompt the Refuge Manager to close areas prior to March 31st.

Cutting is limited to trees which are dead and down within the designated permit areas. Standing trees may not be felled. Vehicles are prohibited beyond the shoulders of the main roads. ATVs are prohibited. The public is reminded that wood obtained from permitted areas is for personal use only, and may not be sold or bartered under any circumstances. All other wood cutting on the Refuge is prohibited, except dead and down wood may be used for campfires while camping on the Refuge. The Refuge may also request harvest information after the permit term is up. For further information, visit Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, or call (907) 262-7021.

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