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SUBJECT: Caribou Hills Area Opened to Snowmachines

Effectively immediately, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is opening the Caribou Hills area within Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to snowmachine use. The area now open is described below and shown on the attached map. No other areas of the Refuge are currently open to snowmachines due to inadequate snow cover. Due to the lack of snow and presence of open water at lower elevations, access to the Caribou Hills is limited. Users are advised to use existing parking off of Oil Well Road at the roadhouse, gravel pit trail or the last pad.

“Higher elevations in the Caribou Hills have recently received snowfall allowing for this limited opening,” according to Refuge Manager Andy Loranger. “Our preference is to open all designated snowmachining areas on the Refuge concurrently, but that is not possible at this time. We are asking snowmachiners to assist us by familiarizing themselves with the boundaries of the area in the Caribou Hills now open and respecting the closure still in effect on the remainder of the Refuge.”

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

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