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SUBJECT: Public Review of Kenai NWR Draft Environmental Assessment for Kenai – Russian River Access Area Bank Rehabilitation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, announces the availability for public review of its Draft Kenai – Russian River Access Area Bank Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA). The goal of this project is reduce bank erosion along the Kenai River downstream of the confluence of the Russian River by revegetating the shoreline and protecting the area through installation of a light penetrating boardwalk and stairs for fishing access. This Draft EA presents two management alternatives and an evaluation of the environmental consequences of each. The proposed project will extend shoreline protection 600 feet downstream from a similar project completed in 2007.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft EA. The document is available on the following website: http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Draft_2016RussianRiverBankRehab_EA.pdf. Hard copies are available at the Kenai NWR Headquarters, Ski Hill Road, Soldotna, Alaska or by calling Refuge Headquarters at 907-262-7021.

Comments on the Draft EA must be received by March 26, 2016 be considered in development of the final project. Comments may be sent electronically to kenai@fws.gov; by mail to Refuge Manager, Kenai NW; Soldotna, AK 99669; or by fax to (907)262-3599 (attention Refuge Manager).

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